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There is £42,000 to be won in There is £42,000 to be won in The Times' Portfolio competition today—the weekly prize of £40,000 plus the £2,000 daily prize. Yesterday's £2,000 prizewiener was Mr J. H. Woodhouse, of Ealing, W13. Portfolio list, page 22; price changes, back page Information Service.

Exports hit record £6.54 bn

The pound rallied to \$1.1735, with exports reaching a record £6.45 billion last month. Britotalled £278 milhon, with the trade delicit dropping to £122 mullion from October's £888

Trade in manufactured goods returned to surplus, reflecting an overall rise of 15 per cent in exports to the US. Page 19

Miners' cash unfrozen

The National Union of Mineworkers has won back partial control of the £2.7 million it moved to the Irish Republic. after a Dublin court ruled that the assets should be unfrozen.

Maxwell helps out Southend

Robert Maxwell, the Oxford United chairman, and Ken Bates, his Chelsea counterpart. have loaned Southend United. the financially troubled fourth division club, £70,000 to spare hem bankruptcy proceedings.



£700m error

The Government has admitted a £700 million error in its published council grant figures

Air fare cuts

The US and British governments have formally agreed to approve winter transatiantic air tare cuts, the State Department

Drought ends

The drought that has devasted much of Southern Africa north of the Limpopo for the past three years has ended Page 6

Early sale

Britain's Royal Ordnance factories are to be privatized on January 2, more than a year confer than expected, the Government announced yester-day. The previous likely date factories was mid-1986.

Ford arbitration

Ford management has agreed to arbitration by an independent job evaluation panel in the live-week strike by 270 women sewing machinists that has crippled car production.

Liverpool win

Liverpool moved up to fifth place in the first division, their highest position this season, by sinning 2-0 at Queen's Park Rangers last night.

Captain wanted

Wales needs a new rugby union Giptain quickly, after the resignation of Waikins on Thursday. Holms is the favourite, with Ackerman the outsider. Page 24

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historic homes, from Mr. A. M. Alexander. Leading articles: Airs. Thatcher in Washington; Poet Laureate. Obituary, page 10 Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, Sir

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Portfolio Power shift £42,000 to in Politburo after death of Ustinov

powerful influence in the Kremlin, has died at the age of 76. The last night ended months of speculation by announcing that he had died on Thursday after a grave illness. It did not

clahorate.
The Kremlin announcement, released on Tass and read on Moscow television, said the leadership had learned with leadership had learned "with deep sorrow" of the death of "an outstanding figure". An obituary signed by President Chernenko said Marshal Ustinov had led a "vivid, glorious life", and had held senior posts

in the economy and defence industries. It praised his role as wartime armaments Minister, adding that he had "made a considerable contribution to developing rocketry and exploring outer



Marshal Ustinov: Figure, of power in Kremlin.

Marshal Listinov, Defence Minister for the past eight years, had "firmly and unswervingly implemented" Soviet defence policy, and had "greatly contributed to raising the combatpreparedness of the Army and

The news was announced that he may succeed Marshal Ustinov rather than one of the marshal's deputies all of whom are professional military menually to seem the Massow He arrived a Mossow vesterial whether the Kremlin, would appoint a military figure such as pooling a military figure such as pooling a military figure such as from Edinburgh describing Marshal Ustinov's death before leaving as "a great and tragic

Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the announced a recess in the Square, traditionally used for the lying in state of senior. Kremlin leaders.

Officials at the building confirmed that Marshal Usti-

nov had died, but gave no cause of death. Sources said the lying in state would take place this weekend, with a ceremonial

Red Square functal on Monday. A medical bulletin said he had died of a heart attack after liver and kidney failure arising from pneumonia, which he contracted in late October.

The implications Obituary

The Marshal had not been seen in public since the end of September, when he presented medals to President Chernenko. Alarm rose on November 7, when Marshal Ustinov failed to attend the military parade marking the anniversary of the Revolution. The parade was reviewed instead by Marshal Sergei Sokolov, one of Marshal Ustinov's first deputies, who is

The other two are Marshal Sergel Akhromeyev, 67, the new Chief of Staff and Marshal Viktor Kulikov, 63, com-mander-in-Chief of the Warsaw

Marshal Sokolov, Marshal Akhromeyev and General Viktor Chebrikov of the KGB are to serve on the funeral commission, but not Marshal Kulikov.

Tass said the funeral commission was headed by Mr. Grigory Romanov, aged 61, a Polithuro member, indicating

appoint a military figure such as Marshal Sokolov as Defence Minister. Marshal Ustinov was a party official by origin, and The first indication that thus the first civilian to head Marshal Ustinov had died came, the armed forces since Trotsky. when the Soviet authorities Continued on back page, col 6



Scottish welcome: Mr Mikhail Gorbachov receiving a gift of shortbread from Andrey Campbell, a castle warden, during his visit to Holyrood Castle, Edinburgh, yesterday.

Gorbachov leaves early

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the had passed away. That was senior Polithuro member, cut indeed a great and tragic loss, he said. Mr Gorbachov was to have left Scotland for the Soviet short his visit to Britain vesterday as news came from Moscow of the death of Marshal Union later today. Dinitry Usunov, the Soviet Defence Minister.

A banquet at Edinburgh Castle went ahead without the Mr Gorbachov had arrived in Soviet delegation, Instead, residents of an Edinburgh old Scouland when his plans were dramatically changed. He told reporters at Edinburgh airport people's home were invited to enjoy the occasion and the food that he and his delegation had in the King's Hall of the castle. been recalled to Moscow.

Marshal Ustinov, "our old friend and comrade at arms".

Gorbachov bails links, page 4 Leading article, page 9

mechanically

cancellations as a result of the

days in the Mediterranean sun spots, and the Caribbean. In Britain, somherners have been enjoying a Christmas spending spree, but northerners have had to stint. That is largely attributed to the miners' strike. While Fortum and

Mason have been selling Christmas hampers at £600 each to Londoners, stores in Doncaster have been having a

to have been losing £1.4 million a week over the Christmas period because of the loss of miners' salaries among the

wines have gone up by about 30 per cent on last year, and champagne is the biggest seller among the sparkling wines, in spite of the £1 increase on each since last year.

The wine sales boom and the rush for champagne was reported by Victoria Wine, part of Allied Lyons and the biggest off-licence business in the country with more than 800

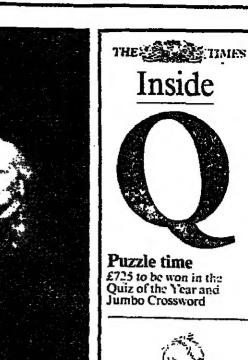
Champagne sales are a little behind those of last Christmas

other type of sparkling wine, Victoria Wine said. The chain has Moet and Chandon on sale at the promotional price of

Waitrose, the supermarkets chain which is part of the John Lewis Partnership, said: People are buying our ownlabel champague by the case. That way it works out at \$5.70 a hottle. No sooner are the shelves filled then they are emptied again."

The wine sales boom has been building up since the last Budget favoured wines on taxation and reduced prices.

more mail than it did last year this Christmas. As may as 105.4 million letters and cards were posted on Monday



in a convoy.

Prince Andrew and Lady

Sarah were chosen as Royal godparents. Prince Henry's other godparents are Mr Brian Organ, the royal purtrait painter; Mrs Carolyn Bartholo-

mew, a former flatmate of the

Princess of Wales; Lady Vestey and Mr Gerald Ward, a long-standing friend of the Prince

The Princess of Wales's

family attended in force: Lard Spencer, her father, and his wife Lady Spencer; the Hon Mrs Shand-Kydd, her mother;

Lord Alborp, her brother, and Lady Sarah McCorkindale and Lady Jane Fellowes, her sistes.

US looks to

Thatcher

for support

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the

Prime Minister, meets Presi-tient Reagan at Camp David

today with American officials centification predicting that Britain will strongly support the

month's arms talks with the

Mr Reagan is keenly awaiting

to hear the outcome of Mrs

Thatcher's talks with Mr

Mikhail Gorbachov, a Soviet

Polithuro member, particularly

in relation to Soviet condem-

nation of America's "star wars"

programme. He is also anxious

to hear about Mrs Thatcher's

The Prime Minister, who

arrived here last night from

Peking via Hong Kong, will

hold a working breakfast with

Vice-President Bush before

going to Camp David, the President's mountain retreat

in Maryland, for their first

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talks in Peking.

United States' approa

Soviel Union in Geneya.



Inside

party

How to survive the

merry-making

TV choice Full guide to the holiday

films, plus video choice



Boos and cheers A critical eye on the Christmas productions and pantomimes

Monday

Quote, unquote Who said what to whom in 1984 ... and why



The Body Quiz A holiday game in two parts - hard and harder

Debate on GLC abolition Bill to be guillotined after 80 hours

sent. Buckingham Palace de-scribed the couple's absence as

standing private engagement that had been fixed far in

advance of the christening," a

spokesman added. Princess Anne and Captain Phillips were due to attend the tra-ditional Christmas party at

They spent much of the day shooting with Captain Phillips' father, Major Peter Phillips.

and returned to their home at

Gatcombe Park, Gloucester-

shire, late in the afternoon with

"a good bag" of rabbits, the

Prince Henry's brother,

Prince William, aged 21/2,

Windsor later.

Palace said.

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Government is to risk normal only for a short measure another parliamentary storm by measure of the session. The

By Tony Samstag

Prince Henry Charles Albert

David was christened in St

George's Chapel at Windsor,

yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, per-

formed the ceremony at the gilded lily font used since

Victorian days, while the three-month-old infant, dressed in

the traditional Honiton lace

robes used by generations of Royal babies, cried only once during the 20-minute service.

Pricess Anne and Captain

Mark Phillips alone among the Royal Family did not attend the

service, although their two

children, Master Peter and

Miss Zara Phillips, was pre-

a guilloune should be imposed The Government's plans will month of the return of MPs from their Christmas recess, which began yesterday.

Ministers are deeply concerned at the likelihood of long delays in the House of Lords to the Bill, which is to abolish the Greater London Council and the metropolitan councils and distribute their functions among other authorities.

To give the Lords as much time as they will require, the Bill must complete its passage

through the Commons by the beginning of April. The intention is to resort to the guillotine after 80 hours of line-by-line discussion of the Bill in standing committee. Opposition MPs on the committee will be angry at what they will see as a breach in a convention which requires a minimum of 120 hours of discussion over six weeks before an important Bill is guillotined.

Lord and Lady Spencer with Mrs Shaud-Kydd (far right) leaving St George's Chapel yesterday.

Prince Henry christened in style

such as the Rates Bill enacted in the last parliamemary session, which had 19 clauses. The Local Local Government Bill, at the Government Bill has 98 clauses, and 17 schedules which more carliest feasible date. and 17 schedules which more The Cabinet has decided that than double its length.

committee reconvenes on January 10. The Opposition has agreed to sitting twice a week, on-Tuesdays and Thursdays,

Winter of discontent

and will find that the sessions will sit regularly until after midnight so that the 80-hour tally is reached by February 5.

The 15 Labour and three Alliance MPs will not shake the Government's majority of 11 on the unusually large 47member committee. But the Government can expect a renewed outbreak of hostility from Conservative critics of the Bill when it asks the approval of the whole House for the

guillotine motion. The Government's exceptional forcing of the pace may aggravate the difficulty it is Eighty hours, they argue, is posal is that the guillotine, or

timetable, if imposed early, will allow generous time for each part of the Bill to be debated. But in practice the guillotine

chorister described as "a quiet family affair, a very moving

Prince Henry had cried only

for two or three minutes while

the Archbishop was blessing the holy water. He was quiet

as a mouse throughout the rest of the baptism."

A nursery had been set up at

the castle overnight under the supervision of Miss Barbara

Barnes. The Princess of Wales

was the first to arrive in the morning, with the Prince of Wales, driving his Jaguar.

close behind, just ahead of

Princess Margaret and Lady

Sarah Armstrong-Jones. The Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward

and charming service

process, which destroys any willingness to co-operate, always leaves many clauses undistussed. The Lords, on past lice, will think it their to pay special attention to the undiscussed clauses, so tending to take up all the time that the Government hopes to save.

At the same time, the rules of procedure in the Lords do not allow for timetabling, and the Government whips have few sanctions to compel Conserva-tive peers to attend and vote.

The rare if not unprecedented decision a week ago to keelhaul Lord Alport for desertion was seen by peers in all parties as proof of both fer and impotence in the leader of the Lords. Lord whitelaw, and the government chief whip, Lord Denham.

Ministers maintain in public that they do not expect to be forced to concede important amendments to the Bill. In private they believe that they may have to give way and allow some continuing all-London authority, possibly indirectly Continued on back page, col I

Appeal to Lords on pill ruling

By David Nicholson-Lord Appeal, allow doctors to ignore the requirement to consult

The BMA said that the

judgment did not suggest that a

parents.

offence.

The Government is to appeal to the House of Lords against the Court of Appeal ruling banning the prescription of contraceptives to girls under 16 without their parents' consent, but in the meantime is suspending its guidance on contraception and abortion advice for

young people.
The decisions were announced in the Commons yesterday as criticisms mounted of the ruling on the six-year campaign by Mrs Victoria Gillick, the Roman Catholic mother of 10 from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

In response to "dozens" of telephone calls from worried doctors, the BMA vesterday issued its own guidance in an attempt to clear up the meaning of "emergency" - exceptional circumstances which would, according to the Court of

seeing their doctors for advice, insisted that only in a "very few cases" were girls unlikely to involve parents. Doctors persuaded the great majority to get their parents' consent.

doctor who prescribed the pill for a girl under 16 to safeguard The Government's decision her health without telling her to appeal was announced by Mr parents, would be guilty of an Kenneth Clarke, Minister of State for Health, who said that the ruling had very wide implications and the law needed Its concern was with problem families where uncaring parents had thrown a girl aged 15 out of to be clarified quickly. The the house, and children were DHSS guidance would be reviewed once the outcome of sexually abused. Doctors would have to weigh possible damage the appeal was known. to the patient through preg-

The Children's Legal Centre. nancy, with risk of action by parents "who have already shown their lack of care for the national organization dealing with laws and policies affecting oung people, yesterday de-scribed the Court of Appeal The association, which yesjudgment as "appalling", which the Royal College of Nursing said it "regretted" the decision. terday forecast more unwanted pregnancies and a return to Continued on back page, col 3

DEST SCOTCH INHEST t's more than justifie price

backstreet abortions as a result of girls under 16 no longer Christmas choice highlights the North-South divide

By Staff Reporters Britons are treating themselves to the good life at Christmas this year, either flying abroad for skiing bolidays or drinking champagne at

Thousands of enthusiasts have had a disappointing arrival at the skl resorts of Europe, many of which are still green when they should be white with spow. The main anti-climax for many is that they are unable to ski down the slopes back to the

by cable car, the same way they Tour operators and tourist-boards acknowledge the tem-parary crisis, but insist that

village settlements. Instead

they have to make the descent

come Christmas Eve there should be a heavier snowfall, It is chiefly in the low altitude areas where there is a dearth of

The Austrian Tourist Board admitted that many valleys. especially in the Tyrol, were mote verdant than they should be, but said that the valley glaciers were good for skiing.

"This year the problem has been particularly bad, but it is changing," it said, in many resorts where there were only 20 centimeters of snow in the valleys, there are as much as 130 centimeters on the sum-In Switzerlands meck of the

snowfall is "powdery" and unlikely to withstand shiers

Even so, thousands of skiers are still flying out. Tour operators have reported few

unseasonal weather. The number of flights to hotter climes is also up, with most passengers taking holi-

One department store is said takings Countrywide, sales of table

but it is still outselling any

The Post Office has carried

NUM gets some control of assets to fight sequestration

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

workers; leaders won back yesterdy partial control of £2.7 million of assets moved to a Dublin bank to prevent the sequestration of the unions funds.

The High Court in London

hitherto frozen to finance a Trentham, Stoke-on-1 rent, and court challenge to avoid pay-charged with assault causing ment of a £200,000 fine for contempt and sequestration of denied the charge.

The court-appointed sequesfunds, Mr Brian McKean trators, who may appeal against that Dublin court order, are case dismissed at Stoke crown

The High Court in London was told that a Dublin court had granted an order to unfreeze some of the money so that the union could continue a

legal battle to regain control of all its £8 million assets.

News of the Dublin decision came as the National Coal Board announced that 11 medical abandoned the 41-week-old strike vesterday, bringing the total during the past five days to 174. In all. 16,868 man have returned since the board began a determined "back to work" campaign on November 1: 64 per cent of the union's 189,000 members are on strike.

That falls short of the baord's target of getting a majority of men back to work by Christmas. It is now putting the finishing touches to fresh plans to woo more men back in the

The union's success was revealed yesterday by Mr Howard Page, counsel for the sequestrators, in the

judge was told yesterday that agreed to be bound over for 12 efforts to serve the union's head months in the sum of £50. of administration, Mr Trevor Toys worh more than Cave, in relation to £4.6 million £10,000 given from all parts of given to serve him by post.

Most pits in England and Wales will be closed for the Christmas holidays, but there is no sign of a truce between the strikers and the board, Militants fear that the board may try to move coal from the beleaguered pitheads; 26 out of 174 mines are completely strikebound.

However, the worst year in the board's 37-year history ended on a cautiously optimistic note as far as managers were

High Court. than 100,000 tonnes above the He told Mr Justice Nicholls it October output level and

BR's hard-line on moving coal trains

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

British Rail managers who tor of the freight business, has are becoming increasingly said that business lost so far alarmed at losses, now running at £200 million, caused by the miners' strike, have given a raising the prospect of redunwarning that they intend to take a new hard line against workers. a new hard line against workers hundred. refusting to take out coal trains. BR's w

be held next month when who were asked to bring it to management will lay out the notice of rail staff and precise impact of loss of traffic impress the need for the road haulage, and the "blacking" of coal to end. to road haulage, and the implications which will involve a cutback in investment for few locomotives and could lead to

Union leaders recognize the difficulties caused, but are likely disciplinary measures in an attempt to get coal moving again. BR estimates that £50 million of the freight losses can

breaking even this year.

Mr Henry Sanderson, directoried in the dispute.

fusting to take out coal trains.

An emergency meeting is to this week to all local managers,

This week unions threatened

retaliatory action after management successfully moved two coal trains out of Coalville depot in Leicestershire. But their reaction to what

to resist any move to introduce they see as "strike breaking". which is to be discussed at a meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen and train drivers' union Aslef, probably

negotiations will become em-

Miners in assault case lose their jobs

Four North Staffordshire miners cleared of assault were told by the NCB yesterday that they will not get their jobs back.

The men were dismissed in September after being arrested outside Hem Heath colliery at

National Union of Mine- hitherto frozen to finance a Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, and

the Dublin court order, are case dismissed at Stoke crown having great difficulty in getting court when the prosecution their hands on the assets. The offered no evidence after they all

transferred to a Luxembourg the UK and abroad will be bank had failed. Leave was siven to serve him by post. the families of striking Nottinghamshire miners today. Nottingham women's

> Paul Weller, the pop singer has given £9,000 on behalf of his group, The Style Council, to the Miners Families Christmas Appeal. Some £100,000 was raised in the past week after Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour leader, called for

last-minute donations.

Customs officials have Priority work to get 82 more pits producing in the new year is under way, and the 66 producing collieries last week moved 600.000 tonnes, more than 100.000 tonnes above the content of the collieries half of the collieries and the fordier output level and the fordier output lev ham, for distribution. An NUM was a most astonishing de-cision, which affectively gave the union access 10 funds power stations.

spokesman said officials at Dover considered the lorryloads to be overweight but clearance to be overweight but clearance had now been given.

 A miners' support group is reporting a Conservative council to the ombudsman after the authority refused permission for door-to-door collections. Dover council refused the permission because it feared names and addresses of those not donation would be compiled.

Ukranian coal miners have given about £114,000 to a relief fund for striking miners, the Soviet news agency, Tass, said. Seven miners from Conisbrough, in South Yorkshire, have been charged in Lincoln with the theft of coal from the British Sugar Corporation factory in Bardney, Lincolnshire.

• More than two tonnes of toys for striking miners' children in Ayrshire were ferried from Northern Ireland on board a small fishing boat last night, together with large quantities of food given in Belfast.

Police and working miners

were greeted by pickets singing carols and wearing party hats at two South Wales pits yesterday.

NUM officials dressed up as Santa Claus and reinders to seven de the 27 man reinder in the serenade the 27 men going in to work at the Celynen South mute in view of the BR's determination to reduce losses.

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The pit strike goes into the BR's work at the Celynen South confirmed a report that the colliery in Gwent, scene of the worst picket line clashes in the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below that action to hault losses has to be taken quickly. There is a danger that the annual pay bolice on duty but none was which is more powerful than the confirmed a report that the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to the coaffield. Toy plastic pigs were offered as presents to the 110 below to th

Rich and poor in Silicon Glen

By Paul Valleley

Just outside the Scottish new town of Glenrothes stand two large concrete blocks. Close to they resemble half-finished multi-storey car parks, but from a distance they stand like the gravestones for the region's declining coal industry.

They are the pit towers of Rothes colliery into which the National Coal Board poured £20 million during the late 1950s and early 1960s before this great white hope of the Fife coalfield turned into its great white elephant.

They are made of pre-tensed concrete. Like so many other coal industry institutions, their demolition could be highly

The new town was built to house the workers of the colliery. But because of unforeseen geological problems it never produced an ounce of

Today, Glenrothes lies at the eart of "Silicon Glen", the microtechnology industry which has brought 26 new companies and £318 million of multi-national investment to Fife in the past five years.

The region's 6,000 miners

British intelligence officers, is on its way to the Home Office, a

spokesman for West Mercia Police said yesterday.

the Commons on Thursday by Mr Tam Daiyell, Labour MP

for Linlithgow, who claimed that Miss Murrell, aged 78, died

after interrupting a search of her home in Shrewsbury for official

material relating to the sinking

of the Argentine cruiser General

Beigrano.

The allegation was made in

Police report on Murrell

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

compare with 9,000 men and

The workers of the burgeoning and declining industries live side by side in towns and villages near by, such as Lochgelly. Christmas and new year offer very different prospects to the two groups.

Yesterday, the Lochgelly National Union of Minework-ers' strike centre served the ers strike centre served the final hot midday meal before the holiday. On Thursday, 200 strikers queued, silent and unsmiling, to collect a plastic carrier bag of groceries which, along with a Christmas chicken donated by a print union, will have to tide them over until the

soup kitchen reopens. "It will be a pretty dismal Christmas for most of the lads", said Mr Johnny Bell, an electrician from the Castlehill pit, who was doling out two tattered £1 notes to each striker with children for stocking

"It won't buy much, but I've already got some presents for my kids," Mrs Shonagh Corri-gan said. "I cashed in my assurance policies and that gave me enough to buy some presents and pay some bills."

West Marcia Police have said

that they believed the murder

occurred during a criminal

burglary, but yesterday a spokesman said there had not

been any pattern of burglaries in

the area at the time of Miss

Murrell's death, nor any other

burglary which matched inci-

The spokesman said that the

dents at her home.

Miss Murrell, the aunt of only item known to be missing

Commander Robert Green, a was £50 in cash, withdrawn

senior naval officer who held a from the bank by Miss Murrell

day position in naval intelli- on the day she died. No sign of

gence during the Falklands War, forced entry had been found,

was also a strong anti-nuclear and this led police to believe the assailant followed the woman

March about six miles from her entrance which she sometimes

home, which showed the signs left unsecured.

Her body was found last into her home, or used a rear

She lost more than £700 by

accepted.

their early surrender. "There is a lot less food around than usual and no coal at all. Heating is going to be a real problem." Mr Bell said "As for new year, there will not be much alcohol about. Many of the lads say they are going to go to bed before midnight this year.

His next door neighbour, however, will celebrate in style. "She is an electronics worker. We see her bringing in the presents, the food and the

The NUM strike secretary, Mr George Erskine, is sanguine about such situations.
"Jealousy is a human reaction, but the electronics industry offers no long-term employ-ment alternatives to miners; its workforce is largely female and

"There is no doubt that people here are fed up with the strike. But their resolution to carry on with it is as strong as ever, perhaps stronger, for they have already lost too much to admit defeat now. They have gone through the pain barrier." Most of them are quite prepared to go on until next new year."

Rail disruption for weeks after tunnel fire

death for Home Office Rail services between Man-A report on investigations of a struggle and a search, into the death of Miss Hilda Witnesses said later that they chester and Bradford are likely to be disrupted for weeks as a result of a fire in the Summit Murrell, alleged this week to have been killed by blundering British intelligence officers, 15 bundled in the vehicle. tunnel under the Pennines.

The two-mile tunnel guidelines as confirmation that blocked by the charred remains pickets and organizations in of the fuel tanker train which burned until lunchtime vester-day, and British Rail said: "It will probably be after Christmas before we start shifting the wreckage. Nothing definite will happen until the new year as far as alternative services are

Buses will continue to carry passengers between Rochdale and Todmorden until alternative routes are in operation. Greater Manchester fire ser-

vice said: "The fire was put out at lunchtime yesterday. First reports indicated that the tunnel structure was sound

actions of persons and orgaini-zations which may be judged and relevant" information is subversive to the state". after the fire.
Fifty families moved out Mr Prescott asked Mr Brittan needed for the Special Branch's during the alert have returned whether the Home Office activities should be destroyed.



estates, Moniaive, in Dumfries and Galloway sheep have a privileged winter ahead of them. They have been fitted with winter coats by their owner Mr Alex Sykes, above who claims it could be the start of a farming

beat him to death.

He was giving evidence during the court appearance at Armagh of Aidan Grew, aged

28, formerly of Armagh, who has been living across the border in Dundalk.

Grew is accused of the

attempted murder of seven

Ulster Defence Regiment

members, causing an explosion

and possessing two automatic

pistols. He was arrested after a

RUC patrol shot dead John McIlvenna, 33, a senior Pro-visional IRA man and a long-

time fugitive, moments after a landmine had been detonated underneath a UDR mobile

After a four-day search the

RUC yesterday dragged from a small river near the border in co

Fermanagh the body of a man,

who is expected to be identified

today as the Maze prison escaper and IRA cross-border

raider Kieran Gerard Fleming.

made mixtures.

• Ciaran McMorrow, aged

34, once the most wanted terrorist suspect in Britain and still on Scotland Yard's "want-

ed" list, is being realeased early from jail by the lrish Govern-

ment today.

Police in Dublin have

was remanded in

Grew

custody yesterday.

Mr Sykes brought 500 of the synthetic polypropylene fabric coats from Australia, where they are widely used, last September. He has fitted out 100 of his flock already
The British Wool Marketing

Council has asked me to try to encouage other farmers to adopt the

same practice," Mr Sykes said. "For clean, they also keep them warm,

which means they eat less."
It is not the first time British sheep

have been well dressed: the Romans introduced coats of jute or linen. (Photograph: Robin Bryden).

£700m aid error in Suspect's beating council grant report charge By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

A man arrested last Monday explosion and the shooting dead of his companion by the police alleged yesterday that the Royal Ulster Constablulary tried to

embarrassments that have dogged Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, during the an-nual ritual of erecting a financial framework in which iocal government can operate

next year. The report said that councils were entitled to almost £8,962 million next year instead of the £8,263 million which they could actually claim.

The mistake came only a few days after another part of
Mr Jenkin's municipal policy
was condemned as "voodoo
economics" by Mr Anthony
Beaumont-Dark, Conservative
MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak.
Mr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on local government, said that the mistake in the report was "a further blunder by Patrick Jenkin" and "yet more evidence of the shambles in the Depart-

ment of the Environment".

Department staff tried to play down the incident, saying first that there had been "misprints" lation at the drafting stage". But the department clearly took a serious view because after consulting lawyers it hastily withdrew the first version of the report and quietly laid a corrected one before Parlia-

The legal status of the

appointed to the High Court.

A woman burst through the

court door, looked at me and

shouted: "You are a blithering old idiot". It was hardly fair because I was only just 50.

she knew when the usher turned

to me and said: 'Keep quietl' I

thought I was in a madhouse

and wondered who was in

He said be was aware of

Special Branch members' photographing of disputes and

picketing, recording of conver-sations and producing reports on trade unionists' movements.

The guidelines also led to

pressure for more account-

ability. Mr Clive Soley, Labour

home affairs spokesman, said they must be "deeply disturbing

to anyone concerned with the

preservation of democracy."

There was an urgent need for a

review of the way the Special

Branch and Secret Service were

The National Council for

Civil Liberties said in a

statement that the "ambiguous guidelines" showed the need for immediate legislation on the use of surveillance devices and

to provide parliamentary scru-

tiny of Special Branch activities.

recorded. Details not clearly

MP attacks guidelines

to Special Branch

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

the Special Branch were criti-cized yesterday by Mr John subersives involved inindustrial Prescott, Labour empolyment activity.

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age or sabotage or from the collected and say care should be

spokesman as a threat to trade-

In a letter to Mr Leon Brittan. Home Secretary, he demands a definition of suber-

sive," saying that some govern-

ment ministers judge, and treat trade unionists as "the enemy

with mounting anger among Labour MPs who see the

the Special Branch spies on

A Home Office statement

says one of the Special Branch's

main jobs is to "gather infor-

mation about threats to public

Such information would

enable it to assess whether

marches, demonstration and

pickets posed any threat to

the Special Brnach assists the security servie in "defending the

The guidelines point out that

Mr Prescott's letter coincides

within."

Britain.

Home Office guidelines on allowed the Special Brr ich to

"I was about to ask her how

report. It had not worked out the cost of issuing the new document, and did not know if people who had bought the original version for £6.10 would be entitled to free copies of the

cils were given leave in the High Court to challenge his calcu-lation of their grant entitle-ments. Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire county councils have been caught by an obscure clause at the back of the report which was corrected yesterday.

rigger mechanism which can lead to a heavy loss of grant next year as a penalty for spending slightly above a limit fixed by Mr Jenkin this year.

The councils are annoyed because they are caught although their spending is below the level which would make

Mr Alan Fletcher, OC, said in

Steelworks may lose **800** jobs

According to the results of the CBI's December industrial trends survey, which covered more than 1,500 manufacturing ation's Scunthorpe works is likely to shed 800 jobs in the new year, union leaders at the works have been told.

The platemili, which employs 600, is already taking a three-week Christmas break because of lack of orders. Now union eaders have been told that the Corporation hopes to replace it with a modern mill employing The Corporation has said

that the new mill would be a partnership between BSC and a private steelmaker. The present mill is unable to handle demand

BSC is also to impose a deadline for the loss of 200 jobs contained in a previous agree-

The Scunthorpe works at present employs 6,800, compared with 22,000 six years ago. It is losing £1.25 million a week as a result of the miners' strike.

It is having to obtain its coal requirement of 40,000 tons a week from wharves on the Trent, and lorry convoys are bringing iron ore from the bulk terminal at Immingham, after a blacking in support of the miners imposed by the train drivers' union Aslef, six months

craft workers have been offered a rise of 3.25 per cent from the new year, plus a further 2 per cent if they sign a local productivity agreement.

Leaders of the craft unions are angry that the Corporation has refused to show them full details of the agreement before

£93m grant by EEC to create jobs From Ian Murray

The unemployed from three of Britain's most depressed industries are to be given £93 — million by the European Community for job creation schemes chemes.

The Community's regional fund yesterday allocated £63 imilion to help in the textile closure areas in West Yorkshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester. A further £20 million goes to the run-down steel areas of Scotland, the north of England and South Wales. The remaining £10 million is earmarked for shipbuilding workers on the Clyde. Tyneside. and Merseyside and in Belfast to help them to find new work.

Some of it is to go on consultancy services and for

to finance five-year government programmes.
The funds will be divided

between investments in old and

Eton appoints RC chaplain

superior of the Farm Street
Jesuit Church in London, is the new Roman Catholic chaplain to Eton College. His appoint-

Dearer smoking

clude Benson and Hedges and ... Silk Cut, is raising cigarette prices by 2p for a packet of 20 from January 23. Its tobacco and cigars will also cost more.

The Government admitted share of the £700 million that yesterday that state grant available to councils had acci-"A major error has been made which would have re-sulted in local authorities dentally been inflated by almost £700 million in an official receiving nearly £700 million more block grant than was intended". Mr Cunningham It was the latest of several

no payment would have been made because correct figures were used elsewhere in the

While Mr Jenkin's officials corrected the £700 million windfall, two Labour-led coun-

Their claim has nothing to do with the £700 million mistake. It concerns a complicated

them liable for rate-capping.

The legal status of the court that the Government's incorrect document might have formulae for fixing Notting-left ministers open to court hamshire's spending target did action from councils to claim a not make sense.

January 16.

Witty judge retires from 'madhouse' rare piece of dry legal humour as "In re Lord Justice Eveleigh Ex parte the Court of Appeal." Tributes to the Lord Justice's

judges who ruled on Thursday

Lord Justice Eveleigh, aged
67, who retired yesterday after
16 years as a judge, told a
crowded Court of Appeal of the
day when his ego was "well and
truly deflated," soon after being
appointed to the High Court
do applicate my Lord but if 40 years in the legal profession were made by the Solicitor General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, do apologize my Lord, but if you had opened your mouth all hell would have broken loose". and Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Eveleigh, who became a Court of Appeal judge in 1977, was one of the three

"This was just one of the many occasions I have been grateful to the ushers in this building."

Lord Justice Eveleigh, noted as one of the legal world's most witty after-dinner speakers, had his retirement, noted in the as one of the legal world's most that doctors must not prescribe witty after-dinner speakers, had the contraceptive pill to girls his retirement noted in the under 16 without their parents' official Court List vesterday in a consent.

Architects 'earn less than other professions'

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent Architects earn less than would get, and 60 per cent of a

people in other professions, such as medicine and accountancy, according to a survey by Mr Dave Leggett, economic research officer of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

over a 35-year period) for architects in the private sector were estimated in 1980-81 at just under £340,000 while hospital consultants earned more than £616,000.

per cent of what a consultant

Mr Edward Heath is to team up with Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, to raise money for children's homes. The former prime minister is to conduct part of a new work by

the composer of Evite at a carol concert on Sunday.

The concert is at Broadstairs.

general practitioner's income. Figures for 1983 showed architects behind electrical, civil, mechanical and structural engineers, although they still think of themselves as "leaders of the building team". Lifetime earnings (that is, LIFETIME EARNINGS

Hospital consultant

General practitioner Chartered accountant General dental practitioner

Private architects earned 55

Lloyd Webber and Heath in charity concert

Sarah Brightman, the singer and wife of Mr Lloyd Webber, will take a solo part in a section of her husband's Requiem Mass for Pie Jesu

to retire at next election The Labour MP, Mr Laurie Pavitt, has announced that he will be retiring from his Brent South seat in north-west Lon-

Laurie Pavitt

don at the next general election. Mr Pavitt, aged 70, has served the area as an MP for 25

His retirement is likely to open the seat to a bitter interparty battle. Mr Pavitt and many if his supporters are known to favour a black MP for Brent, which has a 50 per cent black population.

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risk capital.

The grants are on top of normal aid from the regional and social funds, and will help

disused buildings, and software.

Father Peter Knott, father

A college spokesman yester-day denied that Father Knott could be the first permanent Catholic chaptain at Eton since the Reformation. "He will be based in the local parish of Farnham Royal and may occasionally stay overnight

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Big holiday shutdown

for British

industry

By Edward Townsend

Britain's manufacturing industry closed down last night for a holiday of at least 11 days,

but many employers will expect the workers to return to a new year and of increased productivity and

With the economic recovery showing distinct signs of patchiness, and manufacturers still unsure of the strength of

domestic markets, the Confederation of British Industry has recently been conspicuous for its lack of prospects.

While the CBI is still

predicting a growth in the gross domestic product next year of more than I per cent on the an 1984 figure, the miners' dispute

is casting a deep shadow over industry and many business

leaders fear the conflict will have long-lasting effects on the nation's confidence.

CBI leaders are certain to

start 1985 by reiterating their

call for greater investment in the nation's infrastructure;

roads, railways, sewers and

oridges - and by emphasizing to

the government their concern that industrial investment is

likely to fall because of taxation

policies. One of the main elements in

the CBI's Budget represen-tations, to be unveiled at the end of January, is criticism of

the changes in capital allow-ances which, it will say, will-cause an investment famine in 1986 and do nothing to reduce

companies, 30 per cent expect

their output to go up in the first four months of 1985, and 12 per cent expect a decline, while most (58 per cent) said production would remain at pre-

Few companies are having extended holidays over the

Christmas period, and the time

off is being deducted from employees annual leave entitle-ments. However, most manu-

facturers, particularly those in

or two days at a time.

The building industry, affec-

ted by the seasonal factors of

expected to stay closed until at

least January 6.

short days and poor weather, will have the longest holiday Civil engineering companies are

Most other companies will not open for business until January 2, although some, such

as the glass container industry,

will continue working until Christmas Eve. Most of the retail and commercial sector

will be open for business next Thursday and Friday

continuous process industries.

consider it too expensive to open their factories for only one

competitiveness.

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Miners' strike duties cut number of police drink-driving patrols

duty in the coalfields."

Mrs Chalker attacked criti-

approach just produces an immediate switch-off."

months' imprisonment, should

Fears over Intoximeter ruling

Fears that police forces may including the Intoximeter log. Police experience, a policy of service repair reports and test voluntary disclosure should be records to motorists disputing records.

the Intoximeter, said the decisions meant it was now

'exceedingly difficult" to chal-

lenge the reliability of a specific

Intoximeter unless the differ-

ence between the two readings

on the print-out was more than 10 per cent of the lower reading.

Intoximeter documents vary

widely among police forces, but it is feared that those with

Metropolitan Police which dis-

close records on request, may

now stop doing so to reduce the expense and administrative

The judges said it was up to

police forces to consider whether a more uniform prac-tice was desirable and whether,

in the light of the Metropolitan

Justice Balcombe said.

adultery in Cyprus.

The judge said that the wife,

in the end. had filed for divorce,

claiming that her husband's

teenage girl, who had since had his baby and now lived abroad

Originally the couple were

Affair with girl offset

in divorce settlement

A wealthy accountant's affair husband and wife went off with his step-daughter's friend together, aged 16, should not be counted The judgement in the Family

against him when assessing the Division of the of the High divorce settlement to his former Court in London came after a

wife, a judge ruled yesterday. two-week hearing in closed
The affair was balanced out court over how much the wife

by the behaviour of the former should receive as a divorce wife who, during a visit to cyprus after a course of treatment for alcoholism, committed adultery with two or three men at her hotel, Mr Justice Balcombe ruled.

Court over how much the wife should receive as a divorce settlement. The ruling was points raised in the case, but the parties must not be identified.

Mr Justice Balcombe ruled

"besotted" behaviour with the teenage girl, who had since had has assets of some £80,000. He

with him, was loo much to at £50,000 and had cut them by

But, in June this year, the husband was granted a divorce decree because of his wife's adultery in Cyprus

neighbours in a wealthy stock- divorce laws, courts have to broker area of the south of take into account the behaviour

England, he said. They were of the parties when assessing

thrown together and married, terms of settlement after

time involved.

"liberal" policies, such as the

Practices on the released

Chalker defends her

'stay low' campaign

versial "stay low" campaign cisms that the campaign organist Christmas drink-driving "lacked punch". It had been was defended yesterday by the Minister of State for Transport.

refuse to disclose Intoximeter service repair reports and test records to motorists disputing records.

drunken driving charges were Defence lawyers yesterday

raised after the High Court said the legal questions raised ruled yesterday that drivers had were of fundamental import-

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court said any general challenge to the Lion Intoximeter 3000's reliability must be

There will be fewer police because of the large number of officers on special duties because of the miners' strike.

have put a great strain on manpower. This year the mounting crime rate is being huse of the miners' strike.

Most will be withdrawn next given higher priority than

week, when working collieries drunken driving will be closed, but they have Leicestershire Police said: will be closed, but they have already spent such long periods "We shall not have as many away from their families that traffic patrols as last year to arrangements are being made spare for a drink-driving camfor as many as possible to have paign and that reflects to some Roger Birch, Chief Constable of

As a result some police forces will not be able to run special playing down the enforcement years

Derbyshire Police, who started anti-drink patrols in arc not running special anti-1978, have decided to abandon drink campaigns. Only normal them "for the time being". The mobile patrols will be used. seven years Derbyshire motor-

The Government's contro-

Mrs Lynda Chalker, as "one of

In a Commons debate she hit

back at critics, such as the

Automobile Association and the British Medical Association,

which claimed that the cam-

paign could encourage drinking.

drunken driving charges were raised after the High Court

meter 3000's reliability must be

The decision is regarded as

made to the Home Secretary,

setting an important precedent

in the controversy over the machine. It has been an

approved device since April

Lord Justice Robert Goff and

Mr Justice Glidewell said in a

reserved judgement that while the intoximeter retained this

classification it was 'wholly immaterial" to challenge its

general reliability in individual

The ruling was made on the two cases in which Lincolnshire police and Dr Paul Williams,

marketing director of Lion

Laboratories, contested wit-

nesses summonses requiring

Duke's plea

on selfish

developers

The world can no longer afford to ignore the serious

consequences of thoughtless

and selfish development, ac-cording to the Duke of Edin-

burgh, president of the World

Wildlife Fund.
"It is all too easy to see development as the solution of

all the world's social and economic problems", he says in

the fund's yearbook, published

indeed solve many problems.

but they cannot replace the exploited forests, the eroded

land, the silted rivers, the

wetlands, or the rapidly disap-pearing genetic resources of plant and animal species inte-

gral to the life cycle on which

the fund has raised more than

85 million dollars (£72 million). and although the sum is small

compared with the needs of conservation, it has made a

much bigger impact than the figure suggests, he says.
"Even so, there are all too

many opportunities we cannot

grasp simply through lack of resource. I hope the example of

what can be done will encourage people to help us to do even better."

£600 fine in

Peregrine

falcon case

A man who tried to sell three Per grine falcon chicks, an endangered wild bird, was fined

£600 at Stirling Sheriff Court

yesterday.
Ronald Bruce, aged 25, of Harrowhill, Wick, Carhness, was fined £150 on each of three

charges of having the chicks and

attempting to sell them. For

possessing unregistered, un-

ringed or unmarked birds he

Bruce pleaded guilty to the

offences, which were committed

on June 4 this year, contrary to

the Wildlife and Countryside

was fined £150.

Act 1981.

Since its formation in 1961

humanity depends."

"Science and technology can

not to the courts.

She told MPs that the stark

the most powerful" ever held.

Senior offices admit pri- the past, but not every year and patrols concentrating on drink-vately, however, that the extra always dependent on the accidiving offences this Christmas duties in the miners dispute dent rate." A number of chief constables

are supplementing the Department of Transport's controversial "stay low" posters with their own hard-hitting versions such as Lancashire's "drive "We shall not have as many alive into 1985".

Sussex. In his role as chairman extent the number of officers on of the traffic committee of the Warwickshire Police said that Association of Chief Constables anti-drink campaigns this year they would not be having "the he accompanied Mrs Lynda and those with campaigns are same purge" as in previous Chalker, Minister of State for years.
All three Yorkshire police forces (North, South and West)

Transport, at the press conference which launched the "stay low" campaign.

> But he has also issued thousands of his own posters showing a disconsolate driver A spokesman for West Yorkshire Police said: "We being given a breath test and the words; "Think how good you'll feel if the test is negative - and so will we," mounted special campaigns in

His special patrols have already breath tested 598 drivers and arrested 190 of them for giving a positive reading or refusing to take a breath test — an increase of about ten per cent on the same period last year.

"Every bit of evidence we have indicates that to adopt a heavy-handed.

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"Every bit of evidence we have indicates that to adopt a heavy-handed. heavy-handed authoritarian drunken driving.

The Department of Transimmediate switch-off."

Mrs Chalker told Independent Radio News that the full campaign is talked about in controversial terms the better weight of the law, including six we like it. It makes headlines warning never to drink and be used to punish motorists and that means it has a better drive "is just the message that convicted of the worst offences turns off that target audience of of drinking and driving.

Tournege meanie"

we take it, it makes headlines and that means it has a better chance of sticking in people's minds when they are driving nd driving minds when they are driving Parliament, page 4 this Christmas".

But they added: "If there are

those who have reason to

believe that Lion Intoximeter

3000 devices are generally unreliable, they are, in truth, saying that they should never

have received the approval of

the Secretary of State . . . They

should therefore address their

representations to the Secretary

The first application to quash

the witness summons involved

Mr Wayne Goodacre, of Bos-ton, Lincolnshire, who is 'to

appear before magistrates in

Skegness accused of driving with excess alcohol in his blood.

The second involved Mr Denis

Dicks, a lorry driver, who is

appealing against conviction by a Manchester Court last

witness summons procedure.

Defence lawyers must rely upon

the prosecution to disclose material which might help the

The judgement in the Family

Mr Justice Balcombe ruled

that the husband, aged 45,

who has assets of around £250,000, must pay £37,500 to

had estimated the cost of her "reasonable needs" in the future

Under recently introduced



Close harmony: Police officers and miners' pickets singing Christmas carols early yesterday at Whitemoor mine in the Selby coalfield, North Yorkshire. The miners, in fancy dress, exchanged their caps for policemen's helmets after they invited about 20 officers to join in. One policeman said: "It was a nice gesture".

Jailed sex offender | Laws on food safety hired by playgroup

Mr Leon Brittan, Home

Secretary, will underline the duty of probation officers to

prevent child sex offenders having contact with children. Mr David Mellor, Under

Secretary of State at the Home

Office, said yesterday that guidance issued in 1963 made it

clear that officers should

disclose relevant character and

personality details when re-commending ex-offenders for employment. That would be

emphasized for sex offenders.

Miss Salariya told the court that the assaulted girl "told her mother she had played doctors

and nurses with the defendant

In 1978, Parsons was jailed for six months, in 1979, he was

sentenced to six months, sus-

pended for two years, for indecently assaulting a girl aged three. In 1980, he was jailed for three years for six indecent

assaults; 24 offences were taken

into consideration. In 1982, he

was convicted of indecently

assaulting a girl aged 11 and in 1983 he was jailed for 18

months for indecently assault-

lived at Princess Beatrice

Hostel, Finborough Road,

many times".

was employed as a voluntary helper at two playgroups after his release from jail, Knightsbridge Crown Court was told yesterday. Six weeks later he sexually assaulted a girl aged four in the lavatory.

Judge Pownall was told that Dennis Parsons, aged 40, would not have been taken on if Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council's social services department had made a routine check with Scotland

Yard's juvenile bureau. Parsons, who was jailed for six years for indecent assault and gross indecency, told the co-ordinator of Long ridge Road under fives resource centre in Earls Court. West London, that he wanted a

worthwhile job.

Miss Kim Salariya for the prosecution, said: When the play centre checked with the social services they were informed that nothing detrimen-tal was known about the

The co-ordinator, Miss Miranda Boylan, said: This centre is a drop-in centre, which means children remain the responsibility of their parents. Since the assault we have reviewed our procedures for taking volunteers."

Parsons also worked at the Kensington, South-west Lon-varwick playgroup. Both don, hoped to do voluntary roups are run by the Westway work with old people after his Warwick playgroup. Both groups are run by the Westway nursery association,

M25 crash

still being

A full investigation is still being carried out into the M25

crash in which nine people were

killed, a coroner was told

one woman was opened in Oxted, Surrey but adjourned by

the coroner, Lieutenant-Colonel

George McEwan, to a date to be

fixed. The inquest on the two other victims was opened in

Police Constable Frank Chiv-

ers, the coroners officer told the court that Dr Stephen Cordner,

Home Office pathologist, had

already done a great deal of work to establish the victim's

identities, but there was still

more work to be done. He was satisfied that only nine people

died.
"These people were identified by any means available. A lot of

roundabout routes were used.

The police were satisfied that

was still under investi-

the identifications had been completed, but the cause of

Guildford last week.

The inquest on six men and

The judges said the defence tempts were misuse of the investigated

yesterday.

to be improved By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

products, distribution methods and cating habits, are proposed in a government consultative It runs to 99 pages; and the Government is seeking com-

ments from all sections of the industry and from consumer groups before deciding whether it will suffice to amend the present Acts or whether a new, comprehensive Act is needed. Many of the present pro-

visions have their origin in Nineteenth-century legislation, it points out. There has been little movement in the past 30 years, while technological developments in food manufacture and changes in distribution patterns have led to the wider use of food additives and the increasing complexity of mod-ern manufactured food.

This in turn has added to the already complicated task of enforcement authorities and public analysis, the document says. The role of the retailer in the preparation and packaging of food has also diminished ing a child aged five.

Mr Edward Cross. for the defence, said that Parsons, who with the growth of prepacked foods, with implications for consumer protection and enforcement

The document proposes that local authority inspectors should be empowered to seize

Wide-ranging powers to con-trol the safety and quality of where it can be shown that a food, bringing existing legis-lation up to date with new but cannot be easily identified. portion of it is likely to be unfit but cannot be easily identified. The cost of destruction of condemned food should be met by the owners.

Local authorities would be

given a specific duty to inspect food businesses and would be able to apply for closure orders, including emergency orders, after a conviction for any offence under food hygicae regulations.
Ministers would be

powered to make regulations requiring manufacturers of certain classes of food to submit details for evaluation by expert committees of their safety and nutritional value. They would also be able to prohibit or restrict the marketing of such

The document points to a loophole in the law on slaughtering hygiene, in that it does not cover birds or animals slaughtered on retailers' prem-

In an obvious reference to the sale of "green cap" unpasteu-rized milk, the document observes that milk is largely exempt from legislation cover-ing other foodstuffs; and it suggests that there should be a "thorough debate" on the extent to which milk legislation should be brought within the general provisions of the food

Dentist is jailed for indecent assaults

A Birmingham dentist was yesterday jailed for six months for indecently assaulting two women patients. Christopher Lock, aged 38, of the Old Rectory, Wishaw, near Birmingham, had denied the charges.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court took three hours to return a unanimous verdict and Judge Ross sentenced Lock to 12 months jail with a direction that he serve only half

Lock indecently assaulted Mrs Teresa Masterson, aged 25, in April 1981 and Miss Tracey Rainsford, aged 21, at his surgery in Gravelly Hill North.

Birmingham, in October 1983. The judge told Lock: "You plainly fell prey to suppressed psychological forces which are unknown to most normal men. To that extent you are to be pitied. You have given way to those forces and in so doing you have grossly betraved the trust of your patients and the ethics

of your patients and the effices
of your profession."

Mr Bernard Hargrove. QC.
for the defence, said: "After 20
years of study and practice as a
dentist, his name will note
the strategy by the crossed from the inevitably be crased from the register and he will never practice again. That alone is an enormous punishment on him-self and his family."

lce rink hope at caravan site

Details of a proposed development costing between £15 million and £20 million by Arab Investments, based in London. of the Braithwaite Fold caravan site in Windermere, Cumbria. were disclosed yesterday

The scheme designed by Mr Jack Jones, of Carlisle, would include a leisure centre with ice rink, swimming pool and squash courts, a 1,200-seat conference hall: a 139-boat marina; and room for about 1.000 guests and cars.

Four on turkey damage charge Four people appeared before

Grimsby magistrates yesterday accused of intending by desirnying or damaging a frozen turkey to endanger life. They are also accused of stealing a ther-

Glen Ellioti, aged 19, and Kenneth Coulbeck, aged 25, both of Grimsby, were re-manded in custody for a week. A girl- aged 14 was granted bail by a judge in chambers and a second girl, aged 15 was remanded in care.

Clydeside rebel honoured

The Red flag flew over day when the Freedom of the City was conferred on Harry McShane, aged 93, the last of the Clydeside rebels who staged rent strikes and workers' pro-tests during the 1920s

There was no royal toast at the lunch and at the close of the ceremony instead of the National Anthem councilors and their guests sang "I bearing to Glasgow"

Jenkins operation

Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, aged 64, former leader of the SDP, had a prostate operation in the Royal Free Hospital in London yesterday. A statement from his office said he would resume his normal duties after convales cing.

Racing request

Horse-racing could return to Lanark. Strathelyde, after an absence of five years. Clydesdale District Council will decide early in the new year on an application to stage one meeting at the course.

Electronic jobs

The Japanese electronics com-pany Tabuchi, which makes components for microwave ovens and video recorders, is to set up a factory and create 150 jobs in the new year in Thornaby-on-Tees, Cleveland, where unemployment is 21 per

Falklands trip

death was still under investigation in every case. The seven dead people were Gary Chilard, aged 29, of Holmside, Gillingham, Kent; William Macrae, age 38. of Canterbury Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex; John Everard, aged 55, of Anderson Close, Hendon, Hull; Ingerborg Long, aged 58, and Victor Bentley, aged 52, of Robert Road, Snodland, Kent; Philip Wooley, aged 35, of Henley Close Rye, Sussex, and Michael George, aged 37, of Kinswood, Maidstone, Kent. Colonel, 91, fails in baronetcy claim

A retired colonel, aged 91, who claimed to be the rightful holder of the title of the 13th Baronet of Mochrum, failed in his appeal yesterday.

Colonel William Dunbar, a former Royal Artillery officer, of Herne Bay, Kent, petitioned the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who rules on matters of nobility in Scotland, earlier this year. But the Lord Lyon upheld the right of the present baronet, Sir Jean Dunbar, aged 66, an American former jockey, who lives in Florida. Colonel Dunbar then appealed to the Court of Session in Edinburgh but his claim was rejected.

Colonel Dunbar claimed his father was twice married, and that he was the son of the second marriage in 1890. However, his parents had to go through a second marriage ceremony in 1912 when it was discovered the first wife had not, in fact, died until 1910.

He claimed he was legiti-mized in England in 1959 and in Scotland from 1968, and that he succeeded to the Dunbar of Mochrum name in 1959, or at least in 1968. He argued that when Sir Jean's father suc-ceeded in 1953, his succession was subject to the possibility that a nearer-born heir might emerge to deprive him of the

Lord Emslie, Lord President, who presided with Lord Cameron and Lord Grieve, said that Colonel Dunbar had failed to persuade him that he became the heir male on or after 1968.

Sir Jean was the eldest son and heir of the 12th baronet, Sir Adrian Dunbar. He succeeded Sir Richard, the colouel's half-brother, who was baronet for only two days before he died.

The destination of the title was such that the only person

who could answer the description of the beir male of the first baronet was, and must be, the heir male of the last holder of the title. This was the essential feature, designed to secure a continuous and predestined line of succession by descent. Colonel Dunbar could not

have become the heir male in 1968. He was not the heir male of his father, and in 1953 he was not the heir male of his half-brother, the 11th baronet, whose heir male was Sir Adrian. If his half-brother had had no beir male in 1953, the title would have become ex-

Lord Grieve, who agreed that the appeal should be rejected, said that for Colonel Dunbar to succeed in his claim, he had to find some provision in the Legitimation (Scotland) Act, 1968, which deemed him to have been legitimate since his birth.

Gillick and the pill

Schoolgirl mother's warning result of this decision," she said. But she fears these girls will be aged 17, was a fifth former at a

Liverpool school when she became pregnant two years ago. Looking back she remembers it as "the worst time in my life". She took her baby daughter to school with her when she sat her CSE examinations, and later to college, where she trained as

a hairdresser. Miss. Hughes predicts many more girls will become teenage mothers as a result of Thurs-day's Court of Appeal ruling that prevents under-age girls or advice on contraception from

from obtaining contraceptives doctors without consulting their

"I can think of a number of girls who will almost certainly

than have to approach their parents.

"I used to go and see him, meaning to discuss contraceptives, but I would lose courage and just go away with anti-

takes her younger friends to

She emphasized that if she known about family planning advisory centres, she would have asked them for counselling on contraceptives. She now

these centres to prevent them nant by her's

"Many girls will just take the discouraged from seeking adrisk and not use any contraceptives until they reach 16, rather tely on the staff to keep their Niss Hughes said she was too "However good your re-shy to approach her own family lationship is with your mother doctor when she was younger: and father, your sexual lite is "I used to go and see him, too personal to discuss with

them", she said. Since she has had the baby, her parents have been increasingly supportive, but when she was pregnant she shrank from asking them for help.

With her baby, Heather, crying in the background, Miss Hughes said she became preg-nant by her's y boy friend.



Grand Sale: Witanhurst, a 60-room neo-Palladian mansion on Highgate West Hill, (above), after Buckingham Palace, one of London's largest houses, which has been sold for £7 million in a private deal. (Our Property Correspondent writes).

a 15-year planning battle, is to be sold for more than £7 million. It is believed that the deals are the largest recorded for the area. Noble Investment Corporation, Witan-

hurst's Arab owners refused to confirm the deal, but they have withdrawn an appeal In addition, a scheme for 24 houses to be built on the slopes of the hill, the subject of houses. (Photograph: John Voos). relating to an earlier application to build 63

Twelve young people from Hertfordshire are to go on a

£15,000 adventure expedition to the Falkland Islands at the end of January as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal

Investment setback for cable television

By David Hewson

Britain's cable television industry, which was launched cable network until we're sure term investment and the industry has suffered a setback amid hopes of a boom in new of going through to com- Government's decision has with the decision by one of its most technologically advanced television media, are now being pletion. investigated by the Information Technology Advisory Panel which advises the Prime Minismembers to postpone its investment activities for six months.

ter. Windsor's decision to Windsor Television is one of shelve a decision on whether to 11 companies given franchises to install new high-technology spend £35 million to cable its area can only increase the mood. cable networks, but, like other of despondency among most cable operators, it has been cable operators. badly affected by the decision to phase out capital allowances in

A company letter to share-holders says: "We consider that in the interest of the community

Windsor's backers, which

include Currys, GEC, and Standard Life Assurance, will provide funds to keep the company in existence until a firm decision is made.

after the Government's decision to phase out capital allowances.
Cable television and its interwe should not start building our active services system is a long- com.

made it very difficult for independent operators." He was confident that Windsor would eventually go ahead

with the cabling when the

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economic position was right. The company was among the Mr. Michael Davis, Windsor's most advanced of the new managing director, said: "We franchises, and had signed an have been on hold since shortly agreement with Mercury." agreement with Mercury Communications to provide a telephone petwork competing with British Tele-

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the last Budget.

The problems of the cable

Arms talks stance may shift

From Richard Owen Moscow

The death of Marshal Dmitry Ustinov raises key questions about Soviet arms control policy on the eve of next month's Geneva talks on the resumption of East-West arms talks. The talks will be between Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary

Marshal Ustinov is believed to have been involved in disagreements in the Kremlin in September over arms reductions, and in the fall of Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Chief of Staff and Marshal

Ustinov's deputy.
Since the fall of Marshal Ogarkov three months ago there has been growing speculation over Marshal Ustinov's successor, with arguments for and against a military rather than civilian Minister of Defence.

Marshal Ustinov was a civilian rather than a professional soldier, having served as Stalin's munitions and Armaments Minister during the Second World War. He was seen as primarily a party men before donning marshal's uniform to take over the Defence Ministry. On the other hand, his predecessors, Marshal Grechko, Marshal Zhukov and

and East-West relations", said a than the Soviet capital, where Kremlin-watcher. "A soldier the nerve-centre of the militarytends to think first of all in industrial complex is situated. terms of hard-won military equipment and budgets rather naval and industrial base, but than in terms of political has not traditionally proved an

to appear for the military also a man of small stature, a parade marking the anniversary matter of no small importance November 7 his place was taken professionals, who expect their by one of his three deputies, minister to have a commanding Marshal Sergei Sokolov, a presence, as Marshal Ustinov professional soldier. The two undoubtedly had: other deputy defence ministers. There is also the question of Marshal Viktor Kulikov, who the armed forces might commander-in-chief of the back in a struggle to succeed Warsaw Pact forces and Mar- President Chernenko - Mr shal Sergei Akhromeyev, Mar-Gorbachov or Mr Romanov, shal Ogarkov's successor as The death of Marshal Ustishal Ogarkov's successor as Chief of Staff, are both pro- nov has removed yet another

Central Committee secretary in high office for over 40 years charge of defence industries, is altogether. An associate of

• The 35th round of the world chess chempionship scheduled for yesterday was postponed by Mikhail Suslov, the emi-

The referee, the Yugoslav grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric, said the next game between Anatoly Karpov and Gary day because the Hall of Columns in Trade Union House here would be "occupied". The Hall of Columns is used

for the lying in state of deceased Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minoffice, told Renters yesterday with the West, largely that Marshal Ustinov had died the efforts of President Chernenko, supported by Detentements, such as Mr Gorbania.

ing." he said. When asked if Mr Gorbachev had known the news before

It was thought likely last night that Sir Iain Sutherland, the British Ambassador in Moscow, would represent the Government at Marshal Usti-

Marshal Malinovsky, were all an obvious choice for the professional military men.

A military professional brings quite a different perspective to the questions of arms control the questions of arms control in the career in Leningrad rather than the professional brings and the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the form of the career in Leningrad rather than the career t

Leningrad is an important effective launching-pad for When Marshal Ustinov failed political power. Mr Romanov is of the Bolshevik revolution on to Soviet army and navy

chief of Stain, are both professional army officers.

Putting a soldier in the
Ministry of Defence again to shift the internal balance of
would be a clear signal to
Washington that Moscow has
the interests of the armed forces

The Defence Industries Minister is Mr Pavel Finogenov,

on the other hand, there is a limited number of civilian candidates for the post. Mr

Grigory Romanov, the 61-year-Politburo member and ter for eight years, and had held

Brezhev, Marshal Ustinov had latterly adopted the role of Kingmaker formerly assumed next Wednesday for nence grise of the Politburo, playing a key part in the election of Andropov after Brezhnev's death in 1982.

It was Marshal Ustinov who guaranteed armed forces sup-Kasparov would not be played port for Andropov and subseeither yesterday or next Mon- quently, in February this year, day because the Hall of for Mr Chernenko. Marshal Hstinov President Chemenko and Mr Gromyko combined the Defence Ministry, the party leadership and the Foreign Ministry in a hardline triumvirate which has only recently ister of State at the Foreign begun to seek a rapprochement

chov.

Marshal Ustinov is credited leaving for Scotland yesterday with having thoroughly moder-he said: "He knew before he came to Edinburgh but decided to depart for Einburgh as terms of a future war rather than re-playing the Second terms of a future war rather than re-playing the Second

He also helped to develop Russia's military programme in space, and has been behind Moscow's alarm over American space-weapons testing. Politi-cally, Marshal Ustinov maintained a granite-hard line against concessions to the West, threating time after time to match the United States wea-

overwhelmingly against any use of nuclear weapons by Western powers. He threatened to hit American territory directly if Russia were attacked by American missiles based in Europe, including cruise and Pershing 2

Most analysts agree that, although he was a civilian by origin, he became so used to wearing a marshal's uniform that he was the champion of the military in the Politburo as much, if not more than, the



Marshal Ogarkov: "Bona-

lost sight of the Marxist-Leninist principle that the military power is at all times subordinate to the civil power, and this is thought to have been at the heart of his epic struggle with the ambitious Marshal Ogarkov, the intellectual professional soldier subsequently suspected of "Bonapartist" ambition,

Three years ago Marshal Ogarkov published an article suggesting that Russia might win a nuclear war, which would amount to a "decisive conflict" between the social systems of East and West He was almost immediately

siapped down by Marshall Ustinov, who in an article of his own declared, in accordance with party doctrine, that a nuclear war was unwinnable and would result in the

He later clashed with Marsha Ogarkov over whether Russia should adopt high-technology conventional weapons, as Marshal Ogarkov believed or continue to rely on tanks and heavy missiles.

The struggle over the suc-cession to Marshal Ustinov is not expected to impede progress could affect the Soviet stance at the meeting, diplomats said yesterday. Sources pointed out that the Kremlin had had at pon for weapon and vowing to least three months in which to In August, Marshal Ustinov

delivered a hardline speech in Czechoslovakia, attacking "revanchism" in West Ger-many and warning the West not to try to drive a wedge between members of the Warsaw Pact.

That followed the warnings the previous year that Moscow would retaliate directly against American territory if it were attacked by American missiles

But Marshal Ustinov then failed to appear for the November 7 parade, with Marshal Sokolov taking the salute instead, and although messages signed in his name have appeared in Red Star and Pravda, few doubted that he had succumbed to illnesses which have plagued him for years, including, according to Moscow rumour, cancer of the liver.

Ustinov became Stalin's Minister [commissar] for Arma-ments in 1941 when he was only 33, having previously worked as an industrial manager. He did not enter the Politburo until the age of 67.

Signs of discord: Banner-waving protesters demonstrating against the Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong outside the press conference called by Mrs Thatcher to reassure the people of the colony that their opinions on the future constitution

Red faces in Hong Kong From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

rassed by a remark made here esterday by Mrs Margaret

press conference that she would be "astonished" if Sir Edward Youde, the Governor of Hong Kong were not given a place on the joint liaison group which is to monitor progress on the new Sino-British agreement, on the territory's future. However the composition of the Chinese and British delegations has not been officially announced, and it is

Thatcher's

punishing

world trip

Taking a schedule that would

frighten more youthful travellers,
Mrs Margaret Thatcher is managing
to talk to several of the world's most
powerful men on her eight-day preChristmas itinerary which encircles

me world. Smiday Dec 16 12.30 Greet Mr Gorbachov at

15.00 Meeting with Gorbachov 18.30 Return to Downing Street

Monday Dec 17

9.30 Meeting with Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdillah Aziz, Sandi Arabia's Ambassador to United

17.00 Leaves Heathrow for

esterday after being attacked

31 miles south of the Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island, Lloyds shipping service an-nounced in London (Reuter

Two crew members of the 52,661-ton tanker Magnolia were killed in the attack, the

report said. Iraq claimed that its planes hit "two large naval targets" in

the Gulf yesterday.
The Norwegian supertanker
Thorshavet, laden with 230,000

tonnes of Iranian oil, was abandoned by its crew after an

Iraqi missile attack, shipping

The attack brought to 48 the

four in another

Ouebec shuffle

Ottawa, - The Premier of Quebec, Mr Rene Levesque has reshuffled his Cabinet for the

fourth time in as many months

while continuing to prepare for

a crucial convention of his

ruling party Parti Quebecois next month (John Best writes).

Back-benchers have been

appointed to four newly-created

the world.

13.30 lunch

Tuesday Dec 18

British officials are embar- considered unlikely here that of the Hong Kong people on a Sir Edward will be appointed to the group.

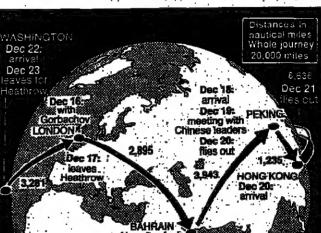
The Prime Minister told a nominate five officials. The ess conference that she would group will sit part of the time in Hong Kong and at other times see President Reagen, she said in London and Peking.
It is feared that it may be

used by China to interfere in-Hong Kong's affairs before the sovereignty returns to China in

wide basis She fielded several hostile questions from local journalists at the press conference before she left for the United States to

Britain would have been "negligent" if it had not entered into the negotiations with China China wanted the lifestyle of

Hong Kong to continu under 1997. the agreement, she said. She
Mrs Thatcher said the believed the overwhelming
Chinese leaders had assured her majority of people in the
they would solicit the opinion territory were in favour



party's General-Secretary, and Deng Friday, December 21 Xiaoping, the elder statesman, D&10. Press conferences 10.00: 17.30 Signing of joint declaration, Leaves for US.

Fueling stop at Bahrain 15.20 (Peking time) arrives in

Two tankers hit as Iraq

steps up Gulf attacks

A Liberian tanker was abandoned by its crew in the Gulf firmed hit in the Gulf this year.

Levesque moves | Surprise release

9.10 Welcome at the Great Hall of the People by Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, talks with Chinese leaders 11.00 Lunch with President Li Executive Councils, 20.00: Dinner Xiannian, talks with His Yao Bang. at Government Hous

Five have been attacked since

December 3 when Iraq broke a

There were no immediate

reports of casualties among the

crew of 19 Norwegians and

A spokesman in Rotterdan

salvage firm said one of its tugs was on its way to the stricken

In London, marine insurance

brokers said war risk insurance premiums for hulls of ships using Kharg Island had risen as

much as 11 per cent this week

and yesterday's strikes might push them higher.

of religious

leader in Sudan

By Carol Berger

The recognized leader of the largest religious group in northern Sudan has been released after 15 months' detention.

Mr Sadij El Mahdi, leader of

Chartoum political prison with

the Smit International

six-week lull in air strikes.

seven Spaniards.

17.30 Signing of joint declaration, state banquet
23.05 Press conference.
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22.00 (Washington time): Arrives at Andrews Air Force base. 09.00: Breakfast with Vice-President of Score Bish, helicopter flight to Camp David for lunch and talks with President Reagan. 14.10: Press conference at Andrews Air Force base. 15.00: Leaves for UK.

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New party launched in Brazil

From Patrick Knight Sao Paulo Brazil's Vice-President Senhor Aureliano Chaves, has launched a new party, the Liberal Front Party (PFL). Composed mainly of politicians uncomfortable in the official Social Democratic Party (PDS). which is controlled by its presidential candidate, Senhor

Paulo Maluf. Paulo Mainf.

The PFL will be the third largest of Brazil's six political parties. It already has the support of ten senators, 60 deputies and three state governments. nors. Leaders say this number will have doubled by the time of the party's first convention in late January.

Many politicians are delaying joining the PFL until after the

electoral college meets on January 15 to choose the next

The new party, really a relaunch of the short-lived People's Party, of which the Democratic Alliance Presidential candidate, Senhor Tancredo Neves, was a leader, has said that it will defend the rights of

the Ansar Muslim sect or the individual against the state.

'Mahdists', was released from It will aim for a reduction in It will aim for a reduction in bureaucracy and will press for decentralization. Supported by many bankers and businessmen, the PFL will

be the party of private enter-prise. It seems likely that the PDS, the political arm of the military-led governments in recent years, will veer increasngly to the right. The PFL launch was attended

by Senhor Neves; the new party has pledged its support for the Democratic Alliance candidate.

New York (Reuter) — A by surprise and after lunch said was based on a secret part men were indirectly responsible lawyer defending *Time* magabreak he rested his case, saying of an official Israeli inquiry into for the massacre.

instigated the massacre of section of the report by the hundredds of Palestiniand by Kahan Commission did not at the trial, he also pledged to Speaking on his return to Tel pro-Israeli Phalangists in Beirot contain anything about revenge, meet all the expenses of the in 1982.

The commission found Mr case, which would not cost the case, which would not cost the

Nine bodies found by Utah mine rescuers

Orangeville, Utah (AFP) -Rescue workers found the bodies of nine of the 27 people trapped in a coalmine fire near here, but were hopeful that 18 others may be alive in an

underground air pocket.

The dead were found away from a chamber 2,500ft underground where the trapped people are believed to have taken refuge. Rescue teams were still working to drill an air hole to the chamber from an adjoining gallery.

Smoke and carbon dioxide from the fire are the main threats to the survivors. Earlier, the mining company said that air in the chamber could last for about two days. The 20 miners and seven

engineers, one of them a woman, were seeking to break a 24-hour coal extraction record when the fire broke out on

Families flee poison cloud

Auckland (Reuter) - Clouds of poisonous smoke belched from a blazing Auckland chemical factory, seriously injuring an employee and forcing people living near by to flee from their homes.

A string of explosions at the Imperial Chemical Industries New Zealand factory in su urban Riverview set thousands of litres of toxic chemicals alight. Firemen brought it under control after three hours.

Ex-Nazi waits New York (Reuter), - A former Nazi guard at Treblinka death camp is in custody here awaiting deportation. Fyodor Fedorenko, a 77-year-old retired factory worker, would be the first war crimes suspect to be deported by the US to the

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Soviet Union.

Rome, (Reuter), - Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turk serving as life term for shooting the Pope, has asked Italy to grant him pardon. In an interview published here, he said: "I have left behind me not only terrorism but every idea of violence."

Coat-tails exit

Marbing, West Germany (AP) -a 25-year-old East German escaped to the West hidden under the coats of about 50 pupils returning here from a bus

Happy answer

Geneva - Swiss French-land guage television has had a lastminute change of mind about showing the erotic film Emmanuelle at 2am on New Year's Day. Instead it will screen The Sound of Happiness.

Five jailed of

Paris (AFP) - Five Armen-ians charged with aiding and abetting the bombing in July last year at Orly Airport that killed eight people were jailed for terms ranging from 30 months to four years. A sixth was acquitted.

Calling the tune Jakarta (Reuter) - Mass breakdancing will be banned in

the Indonesian capital if it leads to breaches of the peace. The decision follows a disturbance at an amusement park last week when police fired tear gas to break up a contest.

Wrong spirit

Washington (AP) - Expert who detonated a mysterious package delivered to the Washington naval yard discovered that they had blown the two bottles of finest Russian vodka, a gift from a Soviet admiral "Good stuff, too," said Vice-Admiral James Lyons, for whom the spirits were intended

and with political and business to show goodwill, common delegation he extended "best been sense and a strong sense of y. responsibility to realize that an businesslike and friendly. responsibility to realize that an They had undoubtedly been arms race cannot and is wishes of peace and prosperity to the people of Great Britain."

Gorbachov hails links with Britain

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Mr Younger so Mr Younger so State for Scotland, for Mr Younger so State for Scotland, for the British Government world it is especially important.

cent of an electorate of about 35 year term.

million turned out to vote, with only 316,918 votes cast against

There was only one way to drive not just in the festive season but throughout the year. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for

Transport, said in reply to a debate in the Commons on drinking and

driving at Christmas. Her message to drivers was: "By all means have a

good time, but do not get on to a motor cycle or behind the wheel of a

car. Go home safely by public transport, by somebody else who does not take alcohol driving, or, if you cannot get there by either of these two means, by using your own

The actual incidence of drinking

and driving was not appreciably higher at Christmas time than at

other times of the year. The threat posed by a drinking driver at any time of the day or night or at any time of the year was something that

policies had got to take account of.
The last thing that would be right
would be for the drink and drive

campaign to become just part of the traditional background to the festive

season. It was not enough just to go through the motions of condemning

drinking and driving and leave it at

search for new approaches which persuaded people to think afresh about what drinking and driving

involved and made them conscious

It was necessary to be ready to

COMMONS

useful, he said. The Russians incapable of ensuring security of

political dialogue between the with different social and politi-

Zia proclaims poll death blow to foes

From Our Correspondent, Islamabad

General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's military ruler, said in a results have been challenged by radio and television broadcast the 11-party opposition alliance, yesterday that Wednesday's the Movement for the Restoment after consultations

In a 45-minute broadcast.

announced yesterday that those who helped him to win announced a remission of General Zia was elected President by 97.71 per cent of the to pursue his Islamization twelve months for convicted votes cast. It said that 60.7 per programme during his new five-

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Chalker defends campaign

together.
She could not accept that this

year's campaign lacked punch. It was important that what was said in

the campaign was consistent with what was said by the law which did

not involve a total prohibition on alcohol for drivers. A stark instruction never to drink and drive

would be just the sort of message that this year's target audience of young first time drivers would dismiss as unreasonable and

Mr Keith Best (Ynys Mon. C), who initiated the debate, said some 1,200

people died every year in road accidents where drinking was a contributory factor. One third of

drivers of cars and motor cycles who were killed had alcohol levels above

the prescribed limit. Between 10pm and 4am that proportion was raised

There had been much contro-

versy over the Department of Transport's campaign against drink-driving being described as the "stay

low" campaign. It was important that it be stated clearly in the House that in order to be fully safe a person

must not drink at all and drive. That

had got to be the message.

The legal limit was 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilities of blood. But at 50 milligrams per 100 millilities driving was impaired, and that was below the legal limit.

At that level a person was three times more likely to have an

referendum "dealt a death ration of Democracy, which had blow" to his opponents and all urged the electorate to boycott those cherishing alien ideologies the referendum.

The Election Commission President Zia paid tribute to

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh Mr Gorbachov said before that the same point of view is This is the position of he Soviet the mutual understanding leaving Edinburgh last night shared by the British side as Union." which was extremely important that the talks the delegation had well. We believe that in the Mr Gorbachov thanked Mr if they wanted to develop

He added a word of thanks great success

left deeply convinced that a any state.

good beginning had been made to the continuation of the to build relations among states described as their objective coverage of the visit and the two countries.

"The Soviet equality and with due account delegation is leaving convinced of the differences between them. an important contribution to

ment after consultations President Zia made an

oblique reference to the need for

political conciliation in the

that the gesture will not be

sentences for anti-state and

alcohol whatsoever.

He was concerned about people being misled about the effects of

products which it was claimed coul

reduce blood-alcohol levels. He referred to the canned soft drink Alcaway distributed by Five Swallows of Stansted, Essex which

he said, was described as necessary for all those occasions when a

person had consumed more alcoho then they intended. The distributors expected to sel

400,000 cansf Alcaway before Christmas and next year some four million cans in Britain. It was naive

in the extreme to assume people would not use Alcaway in the belief that they would be safe to drive after

He understood the DHSS was

looking carefully at this product to see whether it should be referred

There seems (he said) to be

doubt whatsoever in the mind of the

Department of Transport that no substance can actually artificially reduce blood-alcohol levels.

There was much more the Government could do in the form

of educating people on the problems of drinking and driving and its

Ultimately (he said) we need to

change attitudes in this country. We need to ensure there is moral condemnation of the concept of

under the Medicines Act.

In conclusion the President

country

However, he did not spell out extended to prisoners serving

that they should never put the two accident than if he had had no

his actual political programme, sentences for anti-nor did he give a date for the anti-regime offences.

Mr Younger said on behalf of receiving them. On behalf of the the British Government that Mr

Gorbachov's visit had been greatly appreciated: "We con-sider that it has been a very "We are sure this can be

developed in the years ahead with the greatest of good will. While frank exchanges on our differences are valuable, there is common ground."

Leading article, page 9

Substitute frees Briton in Libya

Mr Malcoim Pike, who has been detained in Libya, is to be allowed home, Mr Timothy Renton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, announced in the Commons yesterday.

Mr Renton said the return of Mr Pike's passport was "wel-come news for the Christmas

It was a dramatic moment in the Commons. Mr Nicholas Baker, Conservative MP for Dorset North, made a plea for government action on behalf of Mr Pike, his constituent, who has been held responsible under Libyan law for the alleged tax liability of his employers, Loman Engineering

Mr Renton, who was replying, suddenly announced: "I am happy to tell you that our consulate believes that Mr Pike's difficulties are gradually being resolved. "Indeed I have just been

passed a note that Mr Pike has now been able to leave Libya by arranging for a deputy to come and substitute for a while." The announcement was

immediately welcomed by Mr Baker who intervened to say: "The news you have given is very welcome indeed."

million) libel suit brought by the former Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, rested his case yesterday without calling a single witness.

Paul Saunders said on the 20th

day of the hearing. Earlier, the

judge rejected his request for

The move caught Mr Sha-

outright dismissal.

'We think we are ahead." Mr

month in the upheaval after Mr amputations have been carried Levesque's decision to abandon out, 16 of them involving the for the time being the party's surgical amputation of a hand goal of Quebec independence and a foot.

winning Judge Abraham Sofaer

adjourned the trial to January 2, reserving the right to recall Mr Sharon to the stand.

The former general says a

paragraph in a Time report libelied him by claiming he

14 supporters on Tuesday. All had been held without charge portfolios and the responsi-bilities have been switched. under the State Security Act Mr Francois Grendon, the since September, 1983.

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Both sides rest case in Sharon libel hearing

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■ EL GORDO JOY: Two boys of St

Ildefonso's school in Madrid (above)

turned thousands of Spaniards into

peseta millionaires and a few into

Sri Lanka

conference

peters out

From Donovan Moldrich

Colombo

The all-party conference on the problems of Sri Lanka's

Tamil minority ended yesterday

without agreement on any system for a devolution of power. The talks began in January, President Jayewardene told the conference that the proposals that had emerged for

a restructured system of local government with provincial councils at the apex would be gazatted in legislative form for examination by the Supreme

Court, which can direct that a

referendum is required for any Bill or clauses in a Bill in

The President said that once

the views of the court were known he would decide on

whether to hold a referendum

or to seek a mandate in a

general election. Hee would continue to hold discusions

with all parties involved and would welcome representations

After the conference, Mr Appapillai Amirthai Ingam, secretary of the Tamil United Front, said they were Drafting

their responce in writing and it

ceedings of the conference was

being lifted with immediate

effect to enable informed public

conflict with the constitution.

Famine: Relief and despair

Southern Africa: Rains end 3-year drought north of the Limpopo

Gentle, soaking rains have fallen over much of southern Africa north of the Limpopo river recently, ending the drought that has wreaked havoc in the region in the past three years.

"This is going to be the best Christmas for farmers since 1981," Mr John Laurie, president of Zimbabwe's Commercial Farmers' Union said

In Zambia, the rains have covered nearly all the country, including the southern areas which suffered badly last year. The mood there is reported to be equally buoyant.

The exceptions are Batswa-na, where almost no rain has fallen up until this week, and Mozambique where the dep-redations of the MNR guerrillas are likely to reduce the

EEC: Crop yield down by 40%

From Ian Murray

Harvests in the famine-striken areas of Africa are likely to be as much as 40 per cent below normal next year, according to an EEC survey issued vesterday.

The calculations show that eight million people in Ethiopia are now affected by the famine. while the situation is increasingly desperate throughout the Sahel region and Mozambique. Civil war in Chad, Ethiopia and Mozambique are aggravating

the situation.

The EEC believes that a total of 3.700,000 tons of cereals will be needed in Africa next year over and above the expected harvest. Two million tons of this are needed for emergency supplies before the next harvest

than 400 grammes of food per day for every person in need. The Community has agreed financing for 1,200,000 tons of

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| Chad | 300 000 | 180,000 |
| Sudan | 1.000,000 | 480,000 |
| Mozmbque | 390.000 | 116,000 |
| TOTAL | 3 740 000 | |

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These figures do not take into account the need in countries round the Sahara such as Burkina. Faso where the Community now believes that a senous situation is developing.

Farmers in northern Zimbabwe - the biggest agricultural producer in the region outside South Africa - a slightly larger area has been planted to maize than last year. Much of that crop failed but Mr Laurie estimated that with continuing good rains, commercial farmers, who produce about twothirds of the national staple, would be able to produce enough for the country to feed itself and leave some for a

strategic surplus. He spoke of a dramatic recovery of the veld in the cattle-dominated Matabeleland provinces, where in the last season about 10,000 livestock died in dustbowl conditions.

An added boost to farmers' has been the lack of any serious guerrilla activity in the west.

Security source says sightings are still being made, but an upturn in violence expected with the regrowth of bush cover has not materialized.

The reason for the rains is the return to the subcontinent of a broad band of wet weather which in the past three years has stuck to northern Zambia. Known as the inter-tropical convergence zone, it is the region's main rain bringer. It may yet save Botswana from another serious drought.

With elections due early next year, Mr Robert Mingabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, will be as pleased as the farmers with the rain.

Disatisfaction among voters with the high price of food and shortages are regarded as the most serious threat to his virtually certain re-election.

UN: Five more emergency areas

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Representatives of United Nations relief agencies, donor countries and non-government organizations have been meeting in New York to work out a strategy for preventing hunger in parts of Africa where it threatens to reach Ethiopia's

crisis proportions. Señor Javier Pérez de Cuel-lar, the UN Secretary-General, has identified five other African countries in need of emergency food aid: Chad, Mali, Mozambique, Burkina Faso and Sudan. He is hoping to inspire the same fervent public attention that the Ethiopian famine has drawn and mobilize the aid that then DOURS IN.

Further down the scale 19 pplies before the next harvest othe African countries face food. This figure assumes no more shortages. The affected countries will need some 5.2 million. tons of food aid in 1985. The transport system in Chad. Ethiopia and Mali still do not emergency aid for Africa next have the capacity to carry the year have the capacity to carry the emergency aid required, and extraordinary arrangements, including airlifts, will be needed for another 900,000 tons. The total figure is 2.7 million tons high than last year.

Aid committed at present amounts to only 3.7 million tone. In addition emergency resources required in the health field are estimated at £310

By setting up programmes for afflicted are trying to learn from the mistakes made in Ethiopia. A special UN co-ordinator has been assigned to organize round-table meetings so that at 3,500 billion lira for 1985.

Britain to give £750,000 aid

The Government is to give a further £750,000 to help victims of the drought in Ethiopia, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister Overseas Development,

id yesterday. The Save the Children Fund, Christian Aid and War on Want will each receive £250,000 to provide food, transport, medical requirements and shelter for famine victims, including refugees in

products can be distributed to meet specific needs and at a pace that afflicted countries can

Experts emphasize that fam-ine coditions will be repeated unless individual agricultural rehabilitation schemes are designed. The Food and Agriculture Organzatin is planning to call a series of donors' meetings to work towards helping coun-tries to establish long-term

 ROME: Italy's Chamber of Deputies has approved the institution of a special commissioner aginst hunger, with emergency powers to spend 1.900 billion lira (about £850 million) mostly in the faminenext year, relief agencies, struck countries of Africa (John donors and the countries Earle writes). Most of the funds are expected to come out of Italy's overseas aid budget, which has been steadily increasing from year to year and stands

discussion to take place on the proposals. Answering a question, he said the view that the conference had ended without anything being achieved was simplistic. The discussions had enabled all the parties involved to understand each other's views and positions. A framework for a settlement had emerged and more discussions could be held.

in writing.

Asked whether it would not have been more advisible to keep the conference going. Mr Athulathmudali said the end of the conference did not mean they would stop talking. Con-sultation and discussion would

go on While Mr Athulathmudali declined to comment on the areas of disagreement, confer ence sources said the biggest problem was in the assignment of subjects. Among those, the most disputed are law and order and land policy and land

Employees and customers of a pound millionaires yesterday when Poland facing a dose of austerity

they drew the winning numbers in

Spain's annual colossal Christmas

lottery (Harry Debelius writes).

Poland's Communist Party they announced boycotts... the

one of the most senior men in central committee session which is technically dedicated

to economic reform.

Last month the Central

Committee called for a report on Communist control of the secret police in the wake of the killing of Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest. There had been rumours of a party reshuffle and many party cells in the country have written to the Central Committee to demand a clean-up of the security apparatus.

But the early stages of the plenary session, which ends today, were devoted to the economy, with the basically gloomy message being wrapped up in a combination of exhor-tation and aggressive posturing towards "the internal political"

would be submitted to the President and released to the press today.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, The Security Minister, who acts as conference spokesman said plans to overcome the as conference spokesman, said said plans to overcome the press censorship on the prowould fail.

"But it is their predictions that failed. We must remember that they always applauded decisions hostile to Poland, that

leadership was told yesterday that the economy had survived disruptive attempts by the Solidarity underground, but work in general, thus sowing that the country would none the apathy and popular discourage

one of the most senior men in be consultations with the new the Politburo, was addressing a trade unions. Such consulcentral committee session tations usually affect the way in which rises are implemented.

Increases were made inevi-table by higher production costs, expensive imports and the planned lifting of rationing of several foods.

Average wages should grow by between 12 and 13 per cent, but wages will be tied more and more to productivity, perhaps by implimenting Soviet-style brigade systems. The overall aim for 1985 was to maintain

Austerity was the key note of the speech, although some of Central Committee members in later discussions thought the party was putting too much strain on the workers.

 Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign Minister, was expected to meet Solidarity advisers last night at a reception and dinner at the Italian

mbassy, Today he may visit the where Popieluszko is form and the new trade unions buried, diplomats said similar actions irritated the authorities when Mr Malcolm Rifkind, British Minister of State at the Foreign Office, visited Warsaw

Ottawa and Tokyo mend fences

savings bank in the north central city

of Valiadolid held all the shares of the

first prize, known as "El Gordo" (the

fat one) and it netted them a total of

From David Watts

Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, who is ending an important economic fence-mending mission here has told Japan's business community that "Canada is open for business again. Mr Clark is the first minister

to the Mulroney administration to visit Japan since the Conservative Government took office. By all accounts the Japanese have been impressed with the swiftness with which the Canadian Government has moved to improve relations. moved to improve relations with Tokyo after a prolonged period of uncertainty and difficulty over Canada's foreign investment policies.

Although the policies of Mr Pierre Trudeau, the former Prime Minister, were designed to protect Canadian industry and natural resources from American corporations, they also discouraged investment from Japan, Canada's transpaciific trade has exceeded its transatiantic trade and last year two-way trade between Tokyo and Ottawa was \$9.6 billion (£8 million).

The principal aims of Mr Clark's visit were to illustrate to the Japanese that Canadian investment law had altered and simplified. Trudeau's investment examination body has been replaced with a new institution, Investment Canada, in the hope of establishing a rapport with the Japanese business community. represent a disappointing result for the PAP. establishing a rapport with the

Lee ends campaign with threat to voters

From Stephen Taylor Singapore

After a final tirade against the opposition and a warning to the electorate. Mr. Lee Kuan Yew takes Singapore to the polls today for what he has said will be his last general election as.

Prime Minister.
Having kept in the back-ground for much of the campaign. Mr Lee held a hig rally and a press conference in the closing stages amid signs that opposition groups have forced his People's Action Party on to the defensive.

The PAP says it is still

confident of securing all 79 seats in an enlarged Parliament, but its candidates have been obliged to uphold controversial policies such as the proposal to raise the age at which enforced savings can be withdrawn from the central provident fund. School streaming and hous-ing have also provided ammu-

nition for opposition leaders suchas Mr Chiam See Tong of the Singapore Democratic Party and Mr Ben Jeyaretnam, leader of the Workers' Party. Either or

both may win seats.

Regaining the Anson seat which Mr Jeyaretnam won at a by election in 1981, thus becoming the first opposition MP in 17 years, has been central to the PAP campaign – and indeed to Mr Lee. In a clear warning to the constituency he said on Thursday that if the PAP candidate were rejected "then I candidate were rejected "then I say in Anson I need to reexamine the electorate".

Mr Lee had issued a warning

already that the PAP would suspend grass-roots services in constituencies that returned oppoisiton candidates, whom he characterized as "witless and irresponsible" when asked if this was not a threat he said: "It's as old as the hills. You don't believe that Mr Reagan is as kind to Democratic gover-nors as to Republican governors, do you?"

The other dominant feature of the election has been youth. The 26 new PAP candidates taking the place of the retiring old guard have an average age of 37, including Brigadier Lee Histen Loong, the Prime Minister's son, whose personal appeal and easy manner in the campaign have done no harm to his prospects of succeeding his

father. The 215,000 Singaporeans who are voting for the first time are seen as the key to any significant swing. Products of the island's first affluent generation, they are a potential source of disaffection from the PAP's authoritarian style

Political observers are suggesting that the opposition could win two seats. The taxi drivers, though, are predicting a

PAP clean sweep.
The overall pe however, may be a better gauge of Singapore's mood. Less than 70 per cent (compared with 76 per cent in 1980) would

43% of whites want ANC talks

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Forty-three per cent of white South Africans are in favour of negotiations between Government and the banned African National Congress (ANC), according to an opinion poll published here yesterday. The survey, conducted by the

Human Sciences Research Council, an academic body set up and partly funded by the Government, found that 44 per cent of those interviewed were against talks with the ANC and 13 per cent had no clear views.

\$15 white adults chosen from all parts of South Africa were interviewed over four evenings last September for the project.

remark that the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla

on Morocco's Mediterranean

coast are "Arab cities" and should not be a cause of

The move, announced yester-

Spanish Prime Minister, Senor

Felipe Gonzalez, to recoup some of the ground lost as a result of his five-hour meeting

with the Libyan leader, who

arrived unannounced on a

private" visit in Spain on

concern to Spain.

findings were a great surprise. We expected the vast majority

to come out against nego-tiations with the ANC." Of those in favour of talking to the ANC, the largest percentage said such negotiations were "important to ensure peace", while a third of those against talks said the ANC supported

Only 3 per cent of those

The head of the research to blacks was the only way to team, Dr Nic Rhoodie, said the end the present unrest in African townships.

communism, violence and ter-

interviewed were prepared to accept black majority rule, and 75 per cent disagreed that the granting of equal political rights

pact between Libya and

Spanish interests.

on Spanish soil.

Politicians from

Morocco would not harm

Gonzalez's Spanish Socialist

Workers' Party joined efforts to

opposition party figures accused the Prime Minister of "keeping

bad company" and risking a

setback in Spain's foreign

relations by meeting the colonel

The popular Madrid daily

Diario-16 said yesterday that

from Colonel

Spain to press Gadaffi

over 'Arab cities'

By Harry Debelius, Madrid

The Spanish Government is Gonzalez said he had received

to demand an explanation from assurances from Colonel Libya of Colonel Gadaffi's Gadaffi that the recent unity

day, is seen as an attempt by the refute the Libyan leader, as

Wednesday.

After the meeting, Senor the visit was "inopportune".

There is speculation here that one of the most influencial pro-Government Afrikaans daily newspapers Bleeld could have been used to sound out the prospects for talks Recently Beeld sent

assistant editor, Mr Piet Muller, to Lusaka, the Zambian capital, for a five-hour meeting with ANC leaders. In two long articles, he reported that the ANC and Pretoria could find "enough things on which a fruitful discussion over a wide field" could be held.

Mauritania's

new leader

grants amnesty

Nouakchott. (Reuter)-Maurita-

nia's new leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Maaouya Ould Sid

Ahmed Taya, yesterday an-

political reasons.

Not Santa: Firemen rescuing a would-be burglar who got stack in a chimney at Sacramento, California. He was then arrested.

Arkhipov exudes optimism in Peking

The Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ivan Arkhipov, arrived in Peking yesterday and spoke of "posi-tive trends" that have become apparent recently in Sino-Soviet

nounced a general amnesty for all people jailed or in exile for Reading a statement to the press at the airport, he said he Those benefiting include hoped discussions would be former president Mokhtar Ould useful and contribute to the Daddah, who was toppled in strengthening of ties and con-1978 after leading the country tacts between the two countries. to independence from France in Talks would focus on devel-

1960. He is in exile in Tunisia. opment of commercial, econ-Colonel Taya, who was Chief of Staff until he overthrew omic, scientific and technical ties. "Wea re convinced there President Mohammed Khouma exsists a large potential for the Ould Haidalla on December 12. further expansion of mutually said the amnesty also included former president Mustafa Ould Salek and former prime minister Sid Ahmed Ould Bneijara.

Mr Arkhipov was met by the second Vice-Premier, Mr Yao Yilin, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Qian Qichen and the ambassadors of the Soviet Union, Victnam, Cuba and East European countries. He is due to leave Peking tomorrow for the south, including Canton.

Mr Arkhipov's statement and greeted him did not disguise the fact that the visit had been planned for May but had been abruptly postponed. The Krem-

results and, according to Mr Qian, "great differences still exist".

However, the eagerness and seeming determination of both sides to make a success of the visit is likely to produce some form of trade and economic agreement, sources said. The effect that will have on the sixth the warmth with which Mr Yao round of normalization talks remain an open question.

The significance of the visit is that it comes at a critical point lin was apparently upset by the in China's economic develop-success of President Reagan's ment, when the leadership has in China's economic developvisit toChina the previous pledged itself to a policy of month. Moreover, the fifth reform, dismantling the Staliround of Sino-Soviet talks, in nist methods of planning and October, on normalizing re- distribution and opening up to lations produced no substantive the outside world.

An alert by more than a Vladivostok and Petropav-hundred Soviet aircraft when levsk are the principal bases of hundred Soviet aurerant two American battle groups the Pacific Fleet which is sailed near Vladivostok earlier largest in the Soviet navy, and includes 31 strategic missile and a Kiev-class aircraft carrier.

Pacific naval tension

worries Japanese

From Our Own Correspondent, Tokyo

Fighters, bombers and re-connaissance planes were scrambled after ships led by the nuclear-powered aircraft car-riers Carl Vinson and Midway sailed to within 50 miles of the Soviet coast near Vladivostok, which is the centre of important

air and naval bases.

Japan is believed to have expressed concern in Washington about this provocation, but according to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo, there was no formal statement of objection. It was the most serious incident since Soviet and American naval forces confronted each other last year during the search for wreckage from Korean Airlines Flight 007, shot down by a Soviet

forces to reach through into the Indian Ocean, using supply facilities in Vietnam. The build-up has caused increased competition between US and Soviet forces, which monitor each other and stage mock attacks. A year ago Soviet Backfire bombers feigned an

The Navy has been growing

faster in the Pacific than

anywhere else, allowing Soviet

attack on a US battle group, This latest incident is an embarrassment for the Japanese, who are trying to improve relations with the Soviet Union. A constant theme of Soviet comments on Japan's international stance is that it should not hew so closely to the American line.

in Lisbon as recession bites From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

ations that traditionally adorned its streets and squares are shining this year. Neither the town hall, which

up to now subsidized the Christmas of bankruptcy, bad any money to contribute to light up Lisbon for the holidays. Senior Jorge Pires, the secretary-general of the Union of Commercial Associations for the districts of Lisbon, said: "Traditionally our associations organize the decorations and the fown hall gives us support,

and we could not go it alone There are only a few bright spots in Lisbon where the individual shopkeepers paid for the lights themselves." According to Senhor Pires,

the volume of sales in shops for the past year is down by more

flown to US for questioning From John Earle

Tommaso Buscetta, the former Mafia boss whose disclosures led to the arrest of more than 300 figures connected with the Sicilian underworld, has been lent to the United States for questioning on the Mafia's activities in that country.

He was flown under armed guard in a US military aircraft The US authorities wish to interrogate him about recent Maña crimes and about transatlantic drug traffic, especially the "pizza connection" use of pizza restaurants for the distribution of heroin is called. Temporary extradition of a prisoner has been made possible: by the recent conclusion of a. new extradition treaty between Washington and Rome. Because "Don Masina", as the former Mafia boss is known, was arrested last July in Brazil the consent of that country's authorities to his extradition

New Zealand rejects Welsh farm family From W. P. Reeves, Wellington

Residents of the small rural community of Ohekune in the North Island of New Zealand are rallying to save a Welsh farming family from deport-

The seven members of the Gardner family, after putting £600,000 into a sheep research programme, have had their application for permanent resi-dence rejected by Mr Kerry Barke, the Minister of Immigration, and his department has provisionally booked them on a flight to Britain late next

The booking is conditional because of a question mark over the health of Robbie Ball, aged two, the grandson of Charles and Ann Gardner, who is in Auckland hospital. The boy underwent a heart valve operation on Tuesday.

The Gardners say the Minister's letter giving notice of their deportation came as a bomb-shell. The family - Charles, aged 57, Ann, aged 49, their two daughters, their son-in-law Mr Tom Ball, and their two grandchildren - settled on two properties two years ago and

began experimenting with the development of a new line of

be the first of its kind undertaken in the southern hemisphere.

The Government has expressed interest in their work. A scientist at a government research centre wrote to the Gardners in June, remarking that collaboration would be "to our mutual interest".

In view of this the Gardners remain confident. Local people are drawing up a petition against their deportation. The mayor, Mr Bill Taylor, was the

Mr Burke says he under-stands the family sold up in Britain after being told they were not entitled to, or guaranteed, persoanent resi-dence. He explained that British people could come here on family unification grounds but otherwise had to be under the age of 45, with fewer than four children and "with a skill which is demanded in New

Chad rebels ban French

Paris (Renter) - Mr Gou- planned to travel south to kouni Oueddei, the Chadian monitor the withdrawal of rebei leader, said he would refuse to allow French military observers into his power base in with Syrians, Libyans or other northern Chad to check whether neutral nations, but France has there are Libyan forces there.

In an interview with foreign journalists published in the his military headquarters in French daily Liberation yester-Faya-Largeau day, Mr Goukouni said: No Libva has French officer will set foot in troops left in Chad. Mr

Greek military officers, already rand of aiming or intending to in Tripoli, the Libyan capital, partition Chad.

Libyan troops.

The Greeks can come, along not adopted a neutral stand," Mr Goukouni told journalists at · Libya has said it has no

this part of Chad, except by Goukouni hedged questions on the issue but said he expected further Libyan logistical support.

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Dim Christmas | Mafia informer

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THE ARTS

Flavour survives in the old panto recipe

Christmas shows bring the traditional

heroes, heroines, villains and dames.

This year the productions include

some updated versions but the

time-honoured formula is still the favourite

Like the debutante's laugh in the cpigram, most conventional pantomimes are "too late, my love, too loud and far too long". But, now that the old formula is threatened by enterprising variations such as The Wiz or the Young Vic's countryand-Western, I wonder how much longer we shall see television stars in suede jerkins and medieval robes trailing their mikes on stage to bawl some staple of the nightclub reper-

Wimbledon's Cinderella proves that with good performers, a crack production and enough visual glitter, it can still work. It has the incorrigible Bill Owen and Kathy Staff, Roger the Dog on wicked form, and Bonnie-Langford at her most vital. It also boasts four miniature ponies to pull Cinders's delicatewrought-iron coach, and Alan Miller Bunford's costumes for the Ugly Sisters (appearing at one point as a zebra crossing and a bathroom) are worthy of Ultz himself.

But, despite a gala premie that had Princess Alexandra joining in the antiphonal sing-song Richmond's Jack and the Beanstalk came to life only after the interval with Jimmy Edwards and his trombone at their Falstaffian best: an amicable greeting for the drop curtain, some musical swanking ("not just tadpoles on wires to me"), three whooping solos and a glance down the bell in search of Rounie Corben. I also liked Joan Sims's beaming Vegetable Fairy and Keith Barron as the giant's villain, unashamedly played as Richard III (and how he hated Richmond).

But Kenneth Connor's dear little Twankeyish dame is hampered by poor jokes, Susan Maughan kept hauling berself into the top notes, and despite a smashing Cyril Fletcher imitation Peter Goodwright's winsome Simple Simon is no match for Paul Nicholas's ebulliently outgoing Buttons at Wimbledon.

Buttons at Wimbledon.

The Players Theatre, of course, survives all changing fashions and this year's Victorian pantomime, preceded as always by a few crisp "joys" and carols, is done with the usual wit and relish. Planché's Puss in Boots (1837) is a highly professional extravaganza of smoothly turned couplets catastro. smoothly turned couplets, cat-astro-phic puns and catchy travesties of opera. Sadly, no encores: I would have loved a second helping of the trio for frustrated ladies-inwaiting (Alexandra Sebastian, Wendy Jones and Loraine Hart), or John Orchard's Irish ogre singing a cannibalistic burlesque of "O ruddier

than the cherry".
But Puss herself (himself?) stole the show. Maureen Brathwaite, who completed the Guildhall School opera. course only this summer, is a tiny black soprano with a lovely voice securely handled, a natural way with dialogue and an infectious grin. She sailed through Blondchen's jubilant aria from *The Seraglio* with evident delight. What a Papagena she would make

Sadly, this third season of the RSC Peter Pan is billed as the last, though with luck in a few years they may change their minds. I still find it an overwhelming experience. It is stunningly spectacular and beautiful, but its refusal to shirk the connection with Barrie's real-life "lost boys" also makes it unbearably moving. The tweeness is tactfully minimized, and casting a man to play Peter Pan (which made history) makes it less of a principal-boy panto than a virile

Anthony Masters



Left: Wimbledon winners Paul Nicholas and Bonnie Langford. Right: Players Theatre show-stealer Maureen Brathwaite, as Puss, with Eleanor McCready, as Fairy Fatima Peter John makes his seasonal

The Nutcracker

When last the Royal Ballet

produced The Nuteracker, we

remarked that they were estab-

17 years. What was meant as a

a new logical drama matching

the music, as Nureyev did in 1968. Instead, he tries to restore

the original Russian version by Petipa and Ivanov on which

Nicholas Sergeyev based the first Royal Ballet staging in

priginal 1892 production, re-

constructing it seems rash.

Other choreographies of that

period might better repay historical research. But Nut-

Covent Garden

return to the Watford Palace Theatre as author and Dame in Aladdin, well as author and Leane in Assumi, went ched-up as ever on birthdays, well-cub block bookings, and other local matters. This time his concern for audience contact has taken participation well over the limit. Not content with placing spectators on guard over a shelf of sweets, he flogs them into action at every turning point of the

story before rounding them up for a washing-line song-sheet finale.

Even without these thunderous interruptions, the story is poorly told (Tizzy, a bungling Slave of the Ring, gets lumbered with the main magic tasks, while the lamp is uselessly confiscated by Twankey). The comic level is lamentable, and Old Peking is rendered through supermarkets and

the laundromat-TV joke (complete with Wogan portrait).

Bernard Culshaw does better with the designs of the palace dungeon. Paddy Fletcher, a feeble thumb-biting Abanaza, doubles effectively as a clapped-out rival suitor for the

Irving Wardle

Opera

Tchaikovsky over the top

Mazeppa. Coliseum

The idea of the Norwest Holst series at the Coliseum is to present rare operas for just a single run of performance. which I suppose means picking works which people will want to see once but never again. From that point of view, Rienzi last was an excellent choice. But Mazeppa this year is a different dish of potatoes. As far as I am aware, nobody has ever claimed it as a work of any historical importance; it is simply one of Tchaikovsky's other operas, showing to a remarkable degree his ability to write mediocre music when the spirit was not upon him.

Being characteriess, though, is a dangerous deficiency for an opera at the hands of modern producers. The best productions thrive from that tension which exists between the story the producer wants to tell and the story the music is telling. Where the music is not saying anything very much, then directorial self-

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of Mazeppa by David Alden. But I do not wholly join hands with those who delighted in booing so much of the proceedings. Mr Alden's basic intuition that Mazeppa is about brutality is on the ball, even if it

could apply equally well to war-torn operas from Fidelio to Wozzeck (and has in his productions). With his designer work an effectively stark environment in a white-walled room lit often by fluorescent strips: at different moments it might be a practice room in a theatre, a drill hall, a prison chamber, an operating theatre. The period is unsettled. There are some nineteenth-century clothes about, but there are also suits and Homburgs out of this company's Rigoletto, offering us

Mazeppa as Stalin. OK. Fine. The setting even atlows for some splendid moments of theatre. For instance, the "Gopak" in the first act is danced by KGB agents and their catamites, running, sprawling and grappling with indulgence is liable to go over each other quite why I am not

the top, as it does in this staging sure but it looks good, and it fits music, which is certainly not underplayed in a tumultuous account of the score under Mark Elder. Partly, these things are so

searing because they are so balletic, which is also what keeps them in tune with the score. When Mr Alden goes in for gore, severed heads and flesh-sodden chain saws, he begins rather to lose touch with Tchaikovsky. More importantly, his imagery becomes gross and ludicrous. Even so, the cast comes out

of the evening well. Malcolm Donnelly, as Mazeppa, sings strongly and has the dictator's necessary qualities: commanding presence and the ability not to see what is happening. Janice Cairns and Felicity Palmer are excellent as the distraught women, never letting affliction spoil their singing, and rising superbly to the vocal and emotional challenge of the opera's one dramatic number. There is also a wily Kochubei from Richard Van Allan.

Paul Griffiths

Dance

experience. His first London appearance was as second conductor of the Bolshoi Ballet in 1956, and it is a pleasure to welcome him back to Covent Garden for a detailed, wellshaped and lively account of the

lishing a tradition to do so every The only real gem among the surviving dances was the pas de deux in Act II. Tradition had it joke has become a prophecy, for here, only a few weeks early, is that Ivanov's long-lost Snowtheir fourth interpretation of the flakes scene was equally good, but if Wright's interpretation of Peter Wright makes little the old notation is valid, it has attempt to burnish the chorebeen overrated. Balanchine's, Nurevey's and Lichine's mod-Ashton did in 1951, nor to find ern reworkings were all more

Wright has tried to introduce a little drama around the mysterious Herr Drosselmeyer. but it looks not much different from other recent stagings. His one choreographic coup is in suggesting a plausible expla-Given the generally un-nation for a famous photograph favourable reception of that of the first Sugar Plum Fairy standing on a scarf held by her partner - and pretty odd it looks, too, in gravure and on stage. That apart, his pro-duction is sound, straightforcracker survives thanks to ward except for some tiresomely obtrusive Christmas fair-Tchaikovsky, and solely to him,

It would look a lot more attractive with designs as pretty, imaginative and enchanting as those of Benois for the former Festival Ballet production. But Julia Trevelyan Oman's designs are cluttered and dowdy. Also, the transformation of the Christmas tree is the least good I have seen in any serious production; it loses all the

ballet's poetry into very plodding prose. Drosselmeyer is surprising but valid; presumably it will grow less suff in time. Little Clara, the recipient of the nuteracker doll, is the beroine of the first

half not much of a character.

but Julie Rose plays her with

magic. She has turned the

After the interval she is banished to a throne invisible from my stalls seat (the Covent Garden sightlines are beyond a joke) and the Sugar Plum Fairy and her prince arrive like guest artists at a gala for their big number. Lesiey Collier and Anthony Dowell did it very nicely last night, but is he meant to be dressed as a Christmas

Television Lasting Latin rhythms

ARENA (BBC 2) asked the no doubt it will be able to rise question: What's Cuba Playing above the politics of the day -At? Then it stayed quite a long time for the answer - an answer which included the rumbs, the cha cha cha and the conga. Those who have danced to these rhythms in Imperial Ballrooms all over the country might have been surprised to learn that such dances combine (to put it very roughly) the rhythms of Africa and the melodies of Europe. Like Cuban dance and even Cuban religion. this subtle commingling of sources has produced something quite rare and certainly

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And there can be no doubt about the vitality of the mixture the rapt faces of the participants were proof enough of that. It may even survive socialism, even though every-one concerned seemed at pains to suggest that this particular music can be seen as an emblem of "the revolution"

But since this Afro-European tradition can fairly be described as the national culture of Cuba.

the musicians, some of whom have played in bands since the 1920s, had certainly mastered that trick,

Italians (BBC 2) reached its conclusion with The Bride of Calabria - she was not exactly an unwilling one but she was shall we say, going to the altar with her eyes wide open. As she explained to the always unseen interviewer, "..., there's nothing to do here". Everyone else seemed happy at the prospect, and the father had fatted a calf which "will feed 600 Christians" at the wedding

Despite a few local variations this was a familiar story. One might not be very interested in the situation in England, and so it was hard to get excited about the fact that it was happening in Italy. It was all rather like a foreign version of The Family, except, of course, that the wedding cost £20,000,

Peter Ackroyd

Radio Peake performances

Mervyn Peake. Other people's Opinions and a cursory glance at something he had written convinced me that I was unlikely to enjoy the experience. Precious stuff, I thought, but not valuable - like an ultra-Gothic Ronald Firbank.

This, of course, puts me in a very shaky position to assess Brian Sibley's two Peake adap-tations. Titus Groam (Radio 4, December 10) and Gormeng-hast (Radio 4, December 17), either as realizations of their author's intentions, or as versions likely to satisfy the small but no doubt aggressive

band of Peake cultists. What I can say without hesitation is that, true or not so true to their originals, these two productions under the direction of Glyn Dearman were both quite spell-binding and almost persuaded me that I ought to set zside the afore-mentioned prejudice.

Amost but perhaps not quite, for I took in enough with that cursory glance to register an exceedingly ornate prose style of a kind that still discourages me, whereas one of the pleasures of these two magnificent bits of radio was that, while incompar-Michael Coleman's extremely ably rich and brooding and strange, they were also extraordinarily spare and economic

> I suspect that huge swathes of heavily encrusted prose had had to go and the effect of this was that the thread of the story itself stood out on sharp relief. And a very powerful, familiar and affecting story it is - how Steerpike, creeping upward from the infernal kitchens, attempts to overturn the fossilized world of Gormenghast and how in parallel Titus Groan, 77th Earl, tries to escape the net of ritual and asphyxiating

tradition that is his inheritance. Dearman's direction did full justice to these excellent scripts, although I suppose he had made his task that much easier by John Percival assembling a cast which must

Out of what amounts to surely have caused every other prejudice I have never made radio writer in the kingdom to any effort to read the work of open his eyes and gasp in sheer

Would not all of us sound as good as Shakespeare with a cast like this: David Warner, Freddie Jones, Eleanor Bron, Judy Parfitt, Sheila Hancock. Eernard Hepton, Robert Eddison. Maurice Denham, Michael Aldridge, Stratford Johns, Cyril Shaps. Jill Lidstone . . . ?

wouldn't. But they were all impeccable - full-blooded, in-ventive, bizare, yet with that touch of solemity and restraint essential to such elemental legends. Then, of course, there was rock star Sting cast as Steerpike and a bit of a director's gimmick, you might think. He stood apart certainly. but that was right for he was thinner, more metallie – a killer. a terrorist at large and unsus-pected among a band of gaudy

players, Could there have been a reater contrast to this than BBC Radio Scotland's Accidental Conversation (Radio Scotand, December 18; director. James Runcie)? This short play had no author: it had been devised by the director and his cast (Eileen McCallum, Tamara Kennedy, Jonathan Watson, Natasha Gerson). They scripted bits of it the rest they

improvised in studio. This team had conceived a simple but fertile scheme: a widow and her three more or less grown children go off on a holiday to Iona, which she last visited with her husband, a naval man, not long before he died. The circumstances of the death never come to light but create a sense of unease as do the snippets of news heard on the family radio. So in a bare 25 minutes.

Accidental Conversation developed a penetrating sense of danger, both personal and public, of things unsaid and unsayable but by no means incomunnicable. David Wade

Court of Appeal

Divisional Court

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so it was wise to secure a guest ies, and unfortunately dull, as it

conductor of Gennady Roz- could hardly avoid with this hdestvensky's stature and ballet approach.

Defendant's state of mind crucial for re-election

Regina v Birmingham Justices, Ex parte Hodgson and Another Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough [Judgment delivered December 20]

Where justices were faced with an application to change his election by a defendant, who was charged with an offence triable either way and had elected mode of trail, the central factor to which they had to pay attention was the defendant's state of mind when he made his election. A defendant was not lightly to be deprived of a right to trial by jury, so that, regardless of whether the justices might have regarded summary trial as more appropriate of the particular offence charged; section 20(3) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 gave a defendant an absolute right to refuse to an absolute right to refuse to consent to such a trial.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved Hodgson and Keith Barry Wiseman, to quash the refusals of the Birmingham Justices on October 10, and November 7, 1983, to allow their application to withdraw their election of summary trial and to elect trial by jury and remitted the case for reconsideration by a fresh

bench of justices.
Mr John Maxwell for the applicants: Mr Roger D. H. Smith

MR JUSTICE MCCULLOUGH said that the applicants appeared, unrepresented, before the justices charged with theft of wood valued at £12. Believing they had no defence, they elected to be tried summarily

In their mitigation, it was clear that they believed the wood had been thrown away; the court therefore entered pleas of not guilty, representation and adjourned the case for trial at a later date.

Their legal adviser applied for leave to vacate the election for summary trial and to elect trial by jury on the grounds that the applicants lacked the necessary guity intent, and on the fact that they had been unrepresented. The A month later the legal adviser

applied again on the basis that the applied again on the basis that the original election was made by mistake and the court had recognized that fact by entering pleas of not guilty. The justices, giving no reasons again, refused the application. It was to be inferred that the justices regarded the value of the wood as material. His Lordship, having reviewed

several decisions of the Divisional Court, said that R v Highbury Corner Justices, Ex parte Ali (nurcported, May 22, 1984) and R v Derwentside Justices, Ex parte Hemmingway (unreported, June 22, 1983) drew attention to the question whether the defendant properly understood the nature and signifi-cance of the choice which was put to

mind of the defendant, when he was deciding which court he would like to deal with his case, was whether or not he believed he had any defence. In many cases the defendant might not know he had a defence until he had legal advice.

in R v Craske, Ex parte Metropolitan Police Commissioner [1957] 2 QB 591), the court would have favoured an application of a defendant whose solicitor had been delayed on his way to court and had therefore elected summary trial without the benefit of legal advice.

That situation was not really had first instructed a solicitor after he had been put to his election.

If the defendant demonstrated that his original choice was

exercised when he did not properly understand the nature and signifi-cance of the choice he was making. it was as if he had never made that In R v Metropolitan Stipendiary

In R v Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate. Ex parse Zardin (unteported, May 14, 1971) and R v Lambeth Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parse Wright (The Times, April 29, 1974; [1974] Crim LR 444), where the refusal to grant the application was upheld, the defendants had pleaded guilty all along it could be assumed they had an adequate understanding of the

choice before them when the Regina v Highbury Corner election was not. Metropolitan Stipendiary ection was put.
In R v West Bromwich Justices, Ex parte Pearson (unreported, June 5, 1981) it was significant that the court would not quash the justices refusal to make a second re-election.

already deah with a co-defendant see also R v Canterbury Justices. Ex His Lordship said that the broad justice of the situation in the case before him demanded that the applicants be allowed to re-elect, and no other conclusion was

They had pleaded guilty under the misapprehension that they had no defence; they had elected summary trial in the belief they would not be tried but merely sentenced, and only upon advice from their solicitor did the reality of their situation become apparent for the first time.

Even though they might have understood the choice which they

were being asked to make, they clearly did not appreciate its significance for them. The facts were similar to those in R v Highbary Corner Justices, Ex parte Ali.
His Lordship added that the phrase "summary trial" in sections 19 and 20 of the 1980 Act clearly referred to the whole process of the summary trial and not to that part

which followed the plea. The reference to "trial by jury" in section 20 was misleading, and would be so especially to unrepresented defendants intending to plead guilty.

near ganty.

It would be better if the sections contrasted "summary trial" with references to the "inagistrates court" and to the "crown court", so that it was clear to the defendant that the choice lay between having his case as a whole dealt with in the crown court where if he pleaded not guilty he would be tried by a jury, and having it dealt with in the magistrates court where if he pleaded not guilty he would be tried Lord Justice Robert Goff agreed. Solicitors: Donelas-Mann & Co-for George Jonas & Co, Birming-

ham; Mr M. A. Walker, Birming-

Understanding mode Justices can Commissioners need not of trial necessary

Magistrate, Ex parte Weekes Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough [Judgment delivered December 20]

Where, at the time of electing his mode of trial, an unrepresented defendant aged 17 had not understood the nature of the election, his subsequent application to change his election should have been allowed. It was not relevant in determining whether such an application should be allowed that

application should be allowed that the magistrates' court considered itself capable of trying the case.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, granting Leroy Alan Weekes judicial review by way of certiorari to quash a decision of the Highbury Corner Metropolitan Supendiary Magistrate on February 17, 1984 to refuse his application to change his election of summary trial se his election of on charges of assault occas actual bodily harm and malicious wounding, but refusing to quash a decision of January 23, 1984 to put the defendant to his election on that day. The defendant had been arrested on January 21 and had appeared for the first time on January 23, unrepresented, having

had no opportunity to apply for legal aid. Mr Richard Drabble for the defendant; the justices did not appear and were not represented MR JUSTICE MCCULLOUGH said that this case was distinguish able from R v Birmingham Justices, Ex parte Hodgson (The Times December 22, 1984) and R v Highbury Corner Magistrates Court. ex parte Ali (unreported, May 22 1984) in that there was no question that the defendant had not realized at the time of the election that he had a defence.

It was also distinguishable from R v Lambeth Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex pane Wright (The Times, April 29, 1974; [1974] Crim LR 444) and R v Metropolitan Magistrates. Ex parte Zardin (amreported, May 14, 1971), because that these cases it was assumed in both those cases it was assumed that the defendant applying to change his election had fully understood the choices open to him when the election was put.

In the present case, having regard to the defendant's age and his uncontradicted assertion that he had not understood the choice he had should have assumed on the second occasion that he had not made an informed choice on the first.

Accordingly the broad justice of the situation required that he be allowed to re-elect, and that was the only conclusion to which the magistrate could reasonably have

the magistrate's court could grapple with the difficulties in the case indicated that he had misunderstood the very limited use to which his own view as to the suitable mode of trial could properly be put: see Hodgson's case. It therefore appeared that he had taken into account a factor which should not have weighed with him.

Although, in view of the defendant's age and the seriousness of the charges, it should have been clear to anyone who had thought about it that he would get legal aid and that his election would be more informed if it were put after he had taken legal advice, his Lordship was loath to lay down as a principle that an unrepresented defendant of any particular age should in relation to serious charges never be put to his election on his first appearance, and he could not isolate any factor which would make this a special

It was one thing to say that justices should take account of the fact that the defendant did not understand the nature of the election when that was pointed out to them on an application to reelect, it was another to say that that presume for themselves when the

presume for themselves which the election was put. His Lordship was not persuaded that the decision to put the defendant to his election could be attacked successfully on Wedneshury principles (1948] 1 KB 223). His Lordship would remit the case to a fresh bench of justices to reconsider the application to rereconsider the application to re-

Lord Justice Robert Goff agreed. Solicitors: Clifford Compton & Co.

amend clerical slip in summons Regina v Eastbourne Justices,

Where a person had been required to attend court upon a summons which was defective because of a clerical error (it alleged because of a clerical error (it alleged an offence of giving a false alarm of fire contrary to section 30(2) of the Fire Services Act 1947 instead of contrary to section 31(1)) and he had subsequently pleaded guilty when the charge was put to him without reference to either section of the Act or the Act itself, the justices were entitled to amend the summons before the final disposal

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough) in reserved judgment on December 4 dismissing an application for judicial review for certiorari to quash the decision of the Eastbourne Justices to amend the summons on January 23, 1984.

MR RISTICE McCULLOUGH said that there was no suggesti that the applicant was aware of the contradiction in the summons or had been misled when the information was read out to which he pleaded guilty; what was read out could only have amounted to an offence against section 31(1). The court adopted the approach Allan v Wiseman ([1975] RTR

217). Further, there was nothing in rule 100 of the Magistrates' Courts 123 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 which suggested that a summons could not be amended after a plea or finding of guilt. Since the defect had arisen through clerical error and the applicant had not been misled, there was no injustice in allowing the amend-

Correction

In Gillick v West Norfolk and Wisbech Area Health Authority and Another (The Times December 21) Mr Patrick Field should have been included in the list of counsel for the

consider taxpayers' papers in his absence

Banin v Mackinlay (Inspector of Taxes) Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord

Justice Purchas and Mr Justice Neill [Judgment delivered December 13]

Special commissioners hearing an appeal against income tax assessments in the absence of a taxpayer were entitled to proceed and to determine the matter without submissions that the taxpayer had lodged with them days before the

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by taxpayer, Mr Banin, from Justice Harman's decision (The Times, February 16, 1984) who refused to interfere with the commissioners' determination of his liability to income tax from 1975 to 1982 inclusive.

Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for the taxpayer; Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that three days before the taxpayer's appeal was listed for hearing his accountants had delivered to the commissioners, without further explanation, a bundle of documents described as pleadings and affidavit.

jeweller and said to be inarticulate, refused to attend the hearing. The commissioners did not admit his statement or look at the documents and determined his liability to tax for the years under appeal. Were they right to proceed to hear

the matter without referring to the documents? Mr Justice Harman had rejected the three arguments put by the taxpaver, namely (1) that the the taxpayer's documents was contrary to natural justice; (2) that it was contrary to the provisions of section 50(5) of the Taxes Manage-ment Act 1970 (expressly empower-ing lawyers to plead before ing lawyers to plead before commissioners either orally or in writing); and (3) that in any event

Mr Justice Harman's judgment was entirely right and could not be improved on. Section 50(5) con-fined the privilege of pleading in writing to lawyers - it was not litigants in person.

Lord Justice Purchas and Mr Justice Neill agreed. Solicitors: Kean & Kean; Solicitor

Proving affray offence

The Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Tudor Price on December 21, gave a reserved opinion on Attorney General's Reference (No 3 of 1983).

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that, in order to establish the offence of affray in a public place, the Crown must establish:

(1) That there was mlawful hting or unlawful violence used by one or more than one person vas an unlawful display of force by

Attorney General's Reference one or more than one person without actual violence; and (2) That the unlawful fighting.

violence or display of force was such that a bystander of reasonable not present or likely to be present) His Lordship added that it was

unnecessary in the present opinion to discuss fighting in places which were not public. In all circumstances, so far as their Lordships were able to see, an innocent victim or intended victim of fighting or violence or an innocent participant in it might constitute such a "bystander".



SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Another first

Sebastian Coe has become the first twentieth century sportsman to have his painted portrait – as opposed to drawings and photographs – on permanent display at the National Portrait Gallery, But he only just made it. The problem with sports-



men is that by the time they are great enough to be considered, they are old and grey. A spokesman said: "We would like to have portraits of, say, Gordon Pirie, or Roger Bannister - but there is no point in commissioning them now. At an athlete's peak it is hard to distinguish between ephemeral celcbrity and enduring fame."

Martin Rose's picture of Coe (above) was offered to the gallery, and rejected, earlier this year. Then came the Olympics, when Coe won silver and gold for the second time. The portrait was resubmitted, and the gallery trustees reckoned he had become suitably immortal.

• After his poor showing in the opinion polls. Pelé has abandoned his plan to become president of Brazil. But this is not the end of the road. He said: "If I am invited to become sports minister in a total democracy, I will accept."

Leg Byron

Lord Byron's cricketing career has recently been recalled by the display of a letter at Harrow School. Byron played in the first Eton v Harrow match in 1805 (Eton won by an innings and two runs) and wrote afterwards: "We have played the Eton, and were most confoundedly beat, however it was some comfort to me that I got 11 notches this 1st innings and 7 the 2d, which was more than any of our side except Brockman and Lord Ipswich could contrive to hit. After the match, we dined exremely friendly, not a single discordant word was uttered by either party. To be sure, we were most of us rather drunk, and went together to the Haymarket Theatre where we kicked up a row, as you may suppose when so many Harrovians and Etonians meet at one place. We all got into the same box, the consequence was that such a devil of a poise arose that none our neighbours could hear a word of the drama, at which, not being highly delighted, they began to quarrel with us and we nearly came to a cattle royal. How I got home God knows."

Pohi

They may have won everything in sight at the Olympics, but the United States were beaten at elephant polo last week. The Tiger Tops Tuskers of Nepal beat Pan Am Jumbos 2-1 in the world elephant polo championships at Meghauli, Venal. Maiches are played by four mahout, a player, and a man at the back whose job is to encourage the beast in quicksilver turns and to catch the player if he starts to slide

 Mark Hoad would prefer to forget the Christmas Conditional Jockey's Selling Hurdle at Leicester on Monday, Before the start, his mount, Gale Boy, dumped him into a senage ditch. The odorous Hoad still made it to the start, only for Gale Boy to fall at the first flight.

Hard going

This is the last Christmas that John Francome, the champion National Hunt jockey, will fast for a Boxing Day meeting. He will definitely retire at the end of this season and go straight into training. He still loves the racing but, struggling these days to beat 11 stone, he is fed up with starvation.

Great shakes

The Australian touring rugby party has been celebrating its grand slam of victories in Britain with a cocktail in their national colours of gold and green, invented by one of their number, Bill Calcraft. The gold is, perhaps fancifully, provided by tequila: the green unquestionably by creme de menthe. The whole is watered down with vodka. Calcraft did not make the side.

BARRY FANTONI



A. N. Wilson reflects on the impracticality of leading a truly Christian

life - but grows more convinced that we should try

Tolstoy, God and me

Rather less than 20 years ago, when I was a schoolboy, I belonged to a sixth-form society to which we invited visiting speakers. Someone came and told us how the City of London worked. On another week, 2 politician might come to speak, or a

One week, a man came and told us about Tolstoy. He spoke, not about Tolstoy's genius as a novelist (which I think I had begun to discover) but about the great act of renunciation which Tolstoy undertook after he had finished Anna Karenina. As he spoke, I felt my "heart burn within me", like the disciples walking to Emmaus after the first Easter.

I felt more excited by the story than by any I had ever heard. Here was the greatest genius who had ever written a novel. He was a Russian aristocrat, an ex-soldier, a sensualist, one of the richest characters (in all senses of those words) in the history of literature. And yet, at the very summit of his fame, he wanted to renounce everything, to abandon his estates, his money, the practice of literature, the exercise of his carnal appetites, and to live a life of poverty, like the peasants on his estates. And why? Because he had become convinced that the sermon preached by Jesus on the mountain towards the beginning of St Mat-thew's Gospel was simply and

literally true.

At the time 1 was very young for my 15 or 16 years, very impressionable and very enthusiastic. I had already been, by turns, a convert to a simple sort of evangelical Christianity; an atheist; a Marxist with particular devotion to the teachings of Chairman Mao.

I do not remember in what order I adopted and discarded these enthusiasms. I expect I went through about three of four creeds in each school term. But the Tolstoy thing took hold of me for longer. Strange as it seems to me now, for about two years I tried to practise some of the simpler dictates of the Tolstoyan creed such as vegetarianism. I joined the Peace Pledge Union. I absorbed and reread as much of his writings as I could. Then, when a few years passed, I found that I had moved on. Tolstoy was not forgotten. He was put on one side, always haunting my

memory.

Lately, for a number of reasons, I have returned to Tolstoy, and once again I have been overwhelmed by the sheer grandeur and simplicity of his writings on the subject of Christianity. Coming to the story as a grown-up, I am furthermore haunted by his appalling domestic sufferings. Everything about him was great - larger than life - including his faults and his mistakes.

'I am astonished not by Tolstoy's failure to live as Jesus said we should, but by his attempt to do so'

But Tolstoy himself had an answer which shames any of his

"Well, but you, Leo Nikolayevich; you preach - but how about practice?" People always put it to me and always triumphantly shut my mouth with it. You preach, but how do you live? And I reply that I do not preach and cannot preach, though I passionately desire to do so. I could only preach by deeds; and my deeds are bad. What I say is not a sermon, but only a refutation of a false understanding of the Christian teaching and an explanation of its real meaning. Its meaning is not that we should in its name rearrange society by violence: its purpose is to find the meaning of our life in this world. The performance of Christ's five commandments gives that meaning. If you wish to be a Christian. you must fulfil those commands. If you do not wish to fulfil them, don't talk of Christianity ... I do not fulfil a ten-thous andth part it is true, and I am to blame for that; but it is not because I do not wish to fulfil them that I fail. but because I do not know how to. Teach me how to escape from the nets of temptation that have ensnared me, help me, and I will fulfil them; but even without help I desire and hope to do so. Blame me - I do that myself - but blame me, and not the path I tread, and show to those who ask me where in my opinion the road lies! If I know the road home and go along it drunk, staggering from side to side - does

Reading those words again after a gap of nearly 20 years, I was arrested once more by their extraordinary power. They made me read the Sermon on the Mount again, and to see it with fresh eyes. As a young reader of Tolstoy, I was chiefly struck by his failure to live as Jesus said we should. Twenty years later. I am much more astonished by his attempt to do so than I am by his

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a wrong one . . . ?

Most reasonable, decent, western readers in the latter half of the twentieth century would find the Christ of Saint Matthew's Gospel romantic, but repellent. The brutal paradoxes of the Beatitudes seem inimical to contemporary moral values. Sometimes good agnostics say that they are unable to accept the supernatural elements of the New Testament but that they would like to think that their lives approximate to the values of the Sermon on the Mount

The life of Tolstoy is a vivid illustration of what it would be like if we truly wished to live as Jesus taught. The modern, un-Christian wisdom, for instance, would consider it impracticable and simply unhealthy to worry about the lustful thoughts which happen to pass through our heart. In the scale of



casts his eyes on a woman so as to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart". (Matthew 5:28). Even if we thought hat we could prevent ourselves having such thoughts, how many of us believe that we should? Certainly many an analyst would be out of business if we truly thought it was possible to banish the very feelings of anger (Matthew 5:22).

As for the teachings of Jesus about money and poverty, could anyone who was not, like Tolstoy, a rich aristocrat, contemplate giving up cverything, and living as the flowers of the field, dependent wholly on the providence of God? Perhaps a few young men and women nowadays embrace the comparative security of a religious order and believe that they have become poor for Christ's sake. But what of us, who live in the world? Do bills pay themselves? Christ told his disciples to pay tax to Caesar, so presumably he did not expect them to be penniless.

The renunciation of Tolstoy, when watched from afar, unfolds like a great tragedy and we can, at this historical distance, be uplifted by its drama. But of us: what of us, with our humdrum carnal and economic needs? Surely it would be madness to emulate him, pure insanity to put into practice the selfdestructive teachings of Christ.

But I find that the words of Tolstoy will not be dismissed or ignored. "If you wish to be a Christian, you must fulfil these commands", he said. And when one turns to the New Testament itself, the paradox of it all becomes even harsher. What would we say of a man who tried to bottle up all his anger, to suppress his sexual nature. who abandoned all earthly security, closed his deposit account and gave the money to the poor?

Would we not think that such a person was storing up trouble, behaving in a way which was calculated to produce a total personal collapse? Jesus says this about such a man:

Whoever, then, hears these commandments of mine and carries hem out, is like a wise man who built his house upon rock; and the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall; it was founded upon rock. But whoever hears these commandments of mine and does not carry them out is like a fool, who built his house upon sand; and the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:24-28).

These words at the end of the Sermon on the Mount are perhaps the most shocking and preposterous of all. For, whatever else Christ appears to offer in his manifesto for the Kingdom, it is not rock-like security. From the very opening words, Blessed are the poor in spirit, the paradox is with us. Blessed are the poor in spirit does not mean the same, precisely, as blessed are the poor. And it is conspicuous that those who are professionally en-gaged in teaching the truth of the Incarnation, the clergy, should have spent so much of their energy over the years in denying the truth of these words, Blessed are the poor in

Matthew's Sermon by the incarnate God. such a thing as "evangelical

spirit, the very first words uttered in

ent from real poverty, or that the words mean needy": that is, blessed are those who recognize their need for God's grace. But this beatitude, Blessed are. the poor in spirit, is really no more than an introduction to the other. saying of Christ in the same "Do not lay up treasures for

yourselves on earth, where there is moth and rust to consume it, where there are thieves to break in and steal it; lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven, . . A man cannot be the slave of two masters at once; either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will devote himself to the one and despise the other, You must serve God or money; you cannot serve both" (Matthew 6: 19-20, 24).

But in commonsense terms, we know that the poor are not blessed. What is blessed about the filth of shanty-towns? What is blessed about disease-ridden African village full of starving children? What can the poor in such places hope for, live for? We suffer in the West from the deadening effects of materialism. But we can at least see that wealth, rightly used, has enabled us to lift ourselves above the purely material level of the beasts.

Shakespeare was patronized by a rich man, the Earl of Southampton. Michelangelo painted his master-pieces at the behest of rich popes. The sublime masses and symphonies of Haydn were paid for. The great Gothic cathedrals, the swoop-ing, well-planted parks of eight-eenth-century noblemen, the great canvases or Tintoretto or Rembrandt were all produced by money, and they would not have existed if everyone in Christian Europe had followed purely the dictates of the Christian religion.

'A society ordered along the lines of the sermon would in social terms be a recipe for anarchy'

There is nothing bland about the Beatitudes. They are all hard: hard in the sense of flinty - as the final metaphor of the sermon would suggest; hard in the sense of difficult; hard, even, in the sense of merciless. For the fifth beatitude, Blessed are the merciful, sounds easy enough until Christ expounds it. We are not merely to show mercy comparatively in the manner of a magistrate reducing a poacher's sentence from hanging to penal servitude. Mercy in the moral universe of the sermon seems to demand total open-heartedness.

"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you that you should not offer resistance to injury; if a man strikes thee on thy right check, turn the other cheek also towards him; if he is ready to go to law with thee over thy coat. let him have it and thy cloak with it" (Matthew

One feature of the current debate about nuclear weapons is how vociferously certain church leaders have returned to the Christian We have been told that there is pacifism of the Sermon on the such a thing as "evangelical Mount. Many churchmen seem to

"conventional warfare", by which they presumably mean things like the Battle of the Somme and the bombing of Dresden. Others have casuistically, and perhaps wisely, argued that Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount was not directed to nations but to individuals. But how does that alter the morality of the case? It is an individual and not a nation who pulls the trigger, or presses the button.

The pacifism of Christ was obviously absolute, not of a "militant" kind. He did not huri abuse at centurions. On the contary, he conversed with them; one of them he regarded as being a man of greater faith than his own fellow-israelites (Matthew 8:10). It is also true that he told his disciples that they should not set themselves up as judges of other people (Matthew 7:1) But if it is true that St Matthew's Gospel does not anticipate the moral complexities of the nuclear debate, there can be no escaping its absolute rejection of reprisal as a moral

If a society were ordered along the lines of the sermon, it would be necessary not merely to abolish the armed forces, but also the police and the law courts. In social terms, it is a recipe for anarchy. In personal terms, it is loudly and inescapably obvious that Our Lord forbade his followers to defend themselves against attack, just as he forbade them to provide for the future by

The quiet serenity of monks who have abandoned the hope of riches and gratification of the flesh'

When I contemplate the lives of other people, I am just about prepared to concede the romantic appeal of all this. Sitting on a commuter train, perhaps, and watching everyone going to work, I see the lecherous businessmen, giving themselves ulcers by overwork, their minds perpetually engaged, even when at home, by the threats of auditors and the hopes of foreign contracts, changes in interest rates and all the arcane movements and mysteries of money. I compare their worried, pampered faces with the quiet serenity that I have seen on faces of monks who - mad by the standards of the world - have abandoned the hope of riches and the gratifications of the flesh.

I. think of promiscuous young women I know, their young faces already raddled with late nights, messy love afairs and too much dope and drink, and compare them with the radiant calm of some of the Christian women I know. In such with all its apparent reversal of common sense, seems luminously

momentarily so. For the sermon very specifically tells us not to judge other people. It is not addressed to the others. It is addressed to me. And this explains, perhaps, its abiding power over the centuries. I know with perfect certainty that I have not lived my life according to the dictates of this sermon. The example of the great Tolstoy would seen to suggest that these counsels of perfection could not even be attempted without failure. But as soon as the words of Christ shine like a spotlight on one's own condition, rather than on the lives of others, their effect is different.

It may well be the case that I have not tried to practise Christianity, but I am not certain that life has been any the better for that omission. Here I am, stuck in my mid-thirties with the responsibilities of earning a living and providing for a family. It should be very easy to shrug and say. that I have no intention of plunging my children into poverty or adopting the simple life. But Christ's words do not go away as easily as that. Nor do I think it is simply because I have heard them since childhood and formed a sentimental attachment to them, while doing next to nothing to put them into practice,

Why is it that, the older one grows, the more topsy-turvy the wisdom of Christ appears; and yet the more it appears to be wisdom? He seems to be looking at life upside down; he tells us that the poor have security, the mourners will be happy, the sexually deprived will be the most fulfilled. It seems, by the wisdom of this world, as if he got everything the wrong way round. But live a bit, and one discovers that this is not necessary the case at all.

If the world itself is inverted, then the only way to see it clearly is upside down. If the values of the world are the wrong way round, then the only way to wisdom is to stand those values on their head. When we say that we lose the idealism of our youth, we often add that moral choice becomes more complicated with age. We speak as if complexity were a good thing and as though moral sight, like eyesight, got better with age. But some of us could see more clearly when we were 16 than when we are 60.

I remember something about accepting the Kingdom as a little child. And I remember my first excitement at Tolstoy's words, "If you wish to be a Christian, you must fulfil these commands, if you do not wish to fulfil them, don't talk of Christianity". The words won't go away. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away".

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A winter of Tory discontent-

After canvassing in the Southgate by election, some Tory MPs asked their candidate, Michael Portillo, what more they could do to help.
"You could try putting VAT on food", he replied. Their laughter was a little nervous. After Sir Keith loseph's proposal to make parents belp pay student fees, the candidate could be forgiven for thinking he had been encumbered with all the help he could manage.

On Tuesday Portillo waited to take his seat while his fellow Conservatives lined up to sink their fangs into yet another minister. He must have rejoiced that polling day was safely behind him, squeezed in between Sir Keith's and Mr. Jenkin's misadventures. When the Commons returns on January 9 there will be more shoals on which the Government could find itself in trouble with its backbenchers.

The Local Government Bill catches the eye. The Government hopes to guide it through almost unchanged, but will not know until late summer if it can. The danger lies in the effort the Bill will cost the all-night sittings of the Com-mons standing committee, the hard pounding in the Lords. Few Tory backbenchers love the Bill or think the pain worthwhile, The restraints on local authority

capital spending, as Mr Jenkin learned on Tuesday, will ensure constant friction between ministers and their supporters, in the Com-mons and the shires. The county council elections in May will keep the temperature high. Most Tories this year seem willing to allow the cuts in rate support. But next year. once resources have been committed to hold down pre-election rate demands, trouble will break out

Potentially the most dangerous of the submerged reefs immediately of greatly increased water rates; because of the Treasury's demand for higher rates of return on the industry's assets. The Environment Department predicts an average rise of 12 per cent. Some authorities will seek more, and Tory MPs are already cowering in expectation of protests from their constituents. If the MPs suffer, they will make Mr Jenkin suffer too.

By a stroke of luck, Jenkin has a louse near Stansted which enabled indeed required, him to leave that hot potato to his deputy, Ian Gow, and to Nicholas Ridley who, as Transport Secretary, is more senior. For 20 years ministers have been

resisting the pressure to expand Stansted airport, now renewed by the latest report. Either surrender or resistance risks the fury of powerful groups of Conservatives. Ridley until his defeat this week by all-party opposition, was believed to favour tansted expansion. He should now know that the Commons will not allow it. Perhaps fortunately for him, the Prime Minister does appear to have seen the danger and has decided to take a hand. She is being protective towards Ridley. "Don't be too hard on Nick," she told a backbench deputation last week.

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be ducked. But Conservative MPs have watched in bewilderment as he. enmeshed himself needlessly with the Civil Aviation Bill. Outside the Transport Department any attempt ... to legislate to limit aircraft movements at Heathrow, before making a decision about Stansted, seemed

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Ridley surprised his friends by his readiness to walk into a cul-de-sac and his reluctance, once blocked, to back out. The episode has weakened him for the handling of his far more :

important measures, the Buses Bill. But the most serious discontents on the Government benches flow. from the one great and growing anxiety over economic policy, and the related questions of the level and cost of unemployment.

The growing importance of the Chancellor's annual autumn statement now brings an annual season of unhappiness from November, when expenditure cuts are announced, until March, when the Budget may bring joy, at least to some in tax reliefs.

In late December relief scenes far

away and fears are freely voiced that Nigel Lawson's next Budget may disappoint. Any extension of VAT will be unpopular, the pessimists say: a failure to extend it, after all the Chancellor's talk, will show him to have feet of clay. The same is true of any change in the tax treatment of pensions, a prospect still troubling many Tories,

There is much suppressed unhappiness among Conservatives whose constituents will suffer from the changed basis of regional assistance and the Government's decision to cut £300m from its cost. There is a risk of another rebellion when the new Orders are debated next month.

Among Tory wets there is cynicism about the new enthusiasm for raising tax thresholds. Was it not the previous Chancellor who once in failed to raise them even by the level of inflation? Pensioners, who last month found their increases partly offset by lower heating allowances. have been writing hurt letters to Conservative MPs for whom many of them voted. The letters strike

Again, there is sensitivity at the revival of the idea that unemploy-ment benefit be withheld from young people who decline places in youth training schemes. This has been part of Government thinking for several years, but when Lord Young revives it and the Prime Minister applauds, the backbenchers ask again why they were not

Norman Tebbit, from his hospital ward, had it just right when he spoke of "the need not to take your own

supporters by surprise". All Governments start to forfeit allegiance the day they take power. Since their backbenchers goodwill is their blood supply, they normally take pains to conserve it. Instead ministers in recent weeks have induced one haemorrhage after another. These can be staunched, but they tend to debilitate and to hasten old age. It is no way to carry on. If 1985 is no different, then by Ridley earns some sympathy for 1986 this administration will begin

Roy Strong

Exit, blindly, into orchestra pit

always an event. One waited for the moment when he produced a little torch and scribbled what became known as a Droghedegram. Never was he more busy, I recall, than during a performance of Cog d'Or when a singer's crown came off, at which point she handed it to her attendant. Worse followed, for when the attendant had to move she promptly handed it back, much to the former wearer's surprise. A great carpet was then meant to be unrolled but that too proved to be a disaster.

For the lay person in the audience there is always something hypnotic about watching something go wrong. The root of the fascination resides in the ability or otherwise to rescue the situation beneath a blaze of light and before a thousand eyes. Events offstage, such as Carabosse's chariot in Sleeping Beauty recently getting a parking ticket in Floral Street, do not have exactly the same public consequences as when its wheel fell off on the first night.

I suppose my earliest memory of such an incident must be a production of Dick Whittington in the mid-Forties in which the ship in the harbour scene had been pushed on too far, revealing that only half of it existed. Once, years later the Christmas tree in Nutcracker grew until it vanished almost completely into the fly gallery, only to be lowered back again before an awestruck Clara. So thrown was she that in the ensuing voyage she kept her woollen leg warmers on. And I will long remember the agonies a porter in Macheth went through at the Old Vic as the portcullis stuck.

There is a novel in which one character is described as never having been quite the same since he opened a door and found himself in the middle of the last act of La Traviata and unable to get off the stage. The nearest I have seen to that is a buoyar in Boris Godonov marooned trying to discover the parting in the curtains at the back of the stage as the action continued unabated.

Shakespearian productions seem more conducive than others to incidents of this kind. Once the lights went up to reveal Dame Edith Evans as Queen Katherine in Henry V/// arranged in the tableau with her ladies but, alas, in the dark her chair

Sitting near Lord Drogheda in the royal box at Covent Garden was pads tied to them to enable her to pads tied to them to enable her to kneel in comfort in the trial scene. She was not amused:

I have an affection too for a theatre-in-the-round, production of Hamler at a New England summer school at which I was teaching. The house lights went down and we were on the battlements at Elsinore with the prince awaiting his father's ghost. We did not have to wait long, for in he came through one of the doors used by the audience, followed by two or three late-comers who resolutely followed him as though he were an usherette as he glided his way around the stage.
It is some comfort to know that

such gaffes are as old as theatre itself. The trouble is that all we generally have is the official tidiedup accounts of events in the past and rarely an on-the-spot report. We have to guess what really happened by reading between the lines, and it takes a long, learned article to point out that Queen Elizabeth I actually ruined an entertainment written for her by Sir Philip Sidney by awarding the prize to the wrong person.

Occasionally an outsider provides an hilarious picture, as when Saucy John Harington describes calamity pile on calamity at a masque for James L Everyone, including the cast, was drunk. Plenty emptied her fruits into the king's lap and Peace was able to get on stage only by walloping anyone in the way with her olive branch.

The miracle of theatre in reality is how very little in fact does go awry. bearing in mind the enormous technicalities involved. What a tribute to all those we take for. granted, from electricians and scene-shifters to stage managers and dressers. In any case the majority of mistakes anyway would entirely bypass the average onlooker. In this I am reminded of Sybil Thorndike's account of playing Lady Macbeth opposite Lionel Barrymore in 1919. He apparently did not know his lines. "I hurled him across the stage", she said, "shouting them in his ear". No one probably noticed. She had been lent for the occasion. the famous dress adorned with: beetles' wings which we see in the Sargent portrait of Ellen Terry. The latter had told her. "Don't worry. The dress will see you through". It

had fallen over backwards so that all Sir Roy Strong is director of the the audience saw was the great Victoria and Albert Museum.

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AT THE HIGH TABLE

By any measurement of modern international statesmanship Mrs Thatcher's week has been spectacular. She started off with discussions with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, whom Moscow is encouraging the world to believe is the most likely man to succeed President Chernenko. From there she went to Peking, to sign an historic agreement which was the product of patient negotiation during which she was initially criticized by her domestic political opponents for being too hard on the Chinese and then, in Hong Kong, for being too soft. Either way she has established a mutual respect with Mr Deng Xiaoping who is injecting the world's largest nation with a revolutionary (or counter-revolutionary) serum of extraordinary potency. Both these communist leaders, in different ways, may thus be said to have the key to their countries' future. Finally, Mrs Thatcher will today sit down with President Reagan, leader of the world's most powerful nation, with the recent endorsement for four more years of power ringing in his ears.

All three countries are at a turning point in their affairs, though some are more aware of the climacteric than others. If Mrs Thatcher's first conversationalist, Mr Gorbachov, actually succeeds to the leadership of this country, will he be able to halt its decline? Will he be able to turn the malign conservatism of his party's bureaucracy into a positive force for change? Are he or his bureaucrats aware of their historic failure to make the Soviet Union more than a warfare state?

In China on the other hand, Mr Deng is clearly aware of his need to undermine the stultifyng tyranny of China's Communist Party bureaucracy and to ntroduce a market philosophy nto the world's largest country. Yet China's vastness will always nake it hard to synchronize the apidity of changing views at the op with the slow moving almost nchoate capacity of 1,200 milion people to respond, in their lifferent ways and at a different race, to contact with the outside vorld.

So Mrs Thatcher will be able

o give Mr Reagan her imressions of the state of affairs in and potential enemies. The full hose two countries as seen by heir current or potential leaders. Of course, one would expect the resident to discuss East West clations with her on the basis of 1 more systematic analysis of what is going on than remarks such as "I like him. I can do "business with him." which are eminiscent of a previous Labour Prime Minister's tendency to claim credit for being on Christian name terms with Mr Brezhnev. Such an approach to he relations between states of such different complexions as hose on each side of the East West divide introduce a distortng effect on the reality of tiplomacy's potential which judge eras by movements in such superficialities are bound to GNP and other aggregates. liplomacy's potential which

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induce in Western public opinion.

There may have been some natural satisfaction in London that Britain was to be the first country visited by Mr Gorbachov after his advancement in the Kremlin, and at such an interesting time before the resumption of East . West talks. Perhaps this satisfaction outweighed more prudent re-minders that, even as a Party man, Mr Gorbachov does not speak officially on Foreign affairs or defence matters in the Politburo.

Nevertheless, for whatever reason, the underlying effect of these discussions was for the British Prime Minister to be used in a skilful piece of Soviet finesse which presented a worldwide audience with an appearance of affinity between the Soviet Union, Britain and her European allies, not just against the idea of the militarization of space, but by extension, against President Reagan's own specific plans for strategic defence against space systems.

The President's thinking on strategic defence, and on how space would be involved goes much deeper into the whole philosophy of nuclear deterrence and security over the next 30 years than one would have concluded from the focus of Anglo-Soviet discussions. The Soviet side was able to pin the subject clearly to expectations about what next month's East West talks on arms control should produce. Washington sought to make some corrective comments but the damage has already been done before either side reaches the start line.

Consequently, Mrs Thatcher will find, today in Washington, that the week which established her supreme credentials as an international statesman, also exposed the risk of an emerging lack of mutual trust between London and Washington at the very moment when such a trust should be welded in bonds of steel for the next three to four

"second-term" Washington, it is certainly possible to detect a feeling that the United States is opening up a gap between itself and the rest of the world, friends, potential friends lications of this gap in philosophy and achievement are only slowly dawning on American public opinion and will take some time to be absorbed elsewhere. The significance of "the gap" should not be over-valued but its existence, and its political implications should clearly not be ignored as we see out the twentieth century and cope with the start of the twentyfirst. We may see the major cultures of the world grouping round some particular phase of technology which will ultimately be reflected in the political complexion of that culture. Although economists tend to

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history is more inclined to denominate periods, from the age of steam to the atomic era by their dominant products and technologies. As George Gilder, the American writer on semiconductors has observed, "by that measure this is the age of the micro chip."

As she girdled the earth last week, Mrs Thatcher first of all with Mr Gorbachov exemplified the divisions of old Europe. She as the leading stateswoman of Western Europe encapsulated the non-Socialist condition, though even West Europe still grapples with its inheritance, part of which is the proximity of the Soviet bloc. In Europe as a whole, there is a tendency still to react negatively, and certainly to be on the defensive, against the challenges of new technology. It is not likely to find any positive moves to call in the new world to help out the old.

While in China she encountered China's reaction not to the tired old Marxism with a European face, but to the challenge of the micro chip and China's need to respond to the pace forced in the Pacific by Japan and the other mercantile nations moulding their societies in the service of new technology rather than as its masters.

On arrival in Washington, however, Mrs Thatcher would have sensed that the gap that has opened up between East and West Pacific - between the residual socialist cultures there and the approach of non-socialists to the challenge of the future - is no wider than that which the United States is opening up between the non-socialist alternatives both in the Pacific and in West Europe. The revolutionary potential of

the United States is masked by the age of the President. The extraordinary optimism and dynamism of that country suggest that the President's age is an integral part of this revolution and not an anomaly within it. It suggests' that Americans have discarded their old cults of ageism and sexism and other inhibitions on their thinking which were for a generation a kind of alibi for lack of achievement. Not since the days of Roosevelt has there been such a sense of a nation on the move, of a new strength in the United States, coming from all classes and all age groups making their own contribution to the country's emerging predominance in

the world. In the long term it will require statesmanship on both sides of the Atlantic to see that this widening gap of achievement based perhaps on two divergent philosophies, does not create impatience in Washington and resentment in Europe. All sorts of unfortunate consequences in the Alliance would ensue many of which would start small and become big. Of such a kind is the mutual discomfort caused by the Thatcher-Gorbachov talks and the White House reaction to them. It has thus been a salutory

poet today is very much more

than making victory-chants in

the mead-hall. It is likely to

mean committees, letters to the

press, television interviews on

topics of literary interest, and

generally putting on something like Yeats's mask of the "sixty-

year old, smiling public man". It would be a pity if all this came to

seem a necessary part of the

office, which may at times be

best honoured by an almost

silent but deeply revered sage,

and at others by a Fool in danger

of the stocks. But usually the

Laureate today will be expected to talk as well as sing for his

supper - more so, in fact A

public position implies a politi-

cal stance, in the widest sense,

even if it remains an implicit

one. It was an enduring miscon-

ception that Betjeman was an

unwordly figure with a talent to

amuse, but nothing to say: that

appearance was the means he

adopted to put his point across.

In the "unacknowledged legis-

lator" line, everyday poets may

change the world more than

more overtly challenging ones.

Every significant poet has to

learn how to communicate what

he finds needs saying with the

means at his disposal: Mr

Hughes is the first for some time

strengths are of a type where it is

possible that he may not only be

good for the Laureateship, but

that the Laureateship may also

whose

temperament and

THE CROW MAN AS TRIBAL POET

in the fitfully lustrous canon of English Poets Laureate in fact and fiction, the most distinguished figure is indisputably the Fool in "King Lear". None of his successors has achieved as high a level of political relevance, nor commented on passing events in the Royal Family with such memorable and pungent imagery; also, he and the gift of brevity, which we andervalue at the moment only recause none of the recent Laureates spread themselves nuch after they had taken the ob on. There is a thunder-andightning quality about Mr Ted Huches which suggests that he is xtter equipped than most of his predecessors to emulate the schievements of the greatest of hem.

What will the appointment do o the Laureateship, and what vill it do to Mr Hughes? A inecure in the Royal Household s likely to seem as much an mpediment as a help to most nodern poets - putting them in I false position and lulling their aging muse into acquiescence with a pension. The drowsiness which came over Masefield, a nan of energy and social conscience, is a standing warning o candidates. But there are nuses and muses, and they may ced on surprising food. It has ilready been remarked that Mr lughes does not seem cut out or formally celebrating Royal

topics might evoke. He is an atavistic poet, insistently fixing his attention on the violence at the roots of nature, and effortfully carving out home-made myths about God and the Crow, resembling chopped-up mixtures of the Niebelungenlied and the Just So Stories. It is a style further from modern everyday life, with its infinitely various and touching detail, than the subject-matter of Betjeman and Larkin. Sometimes in his later work Hughes has been at risk of seeming predictable, even of self-parody. But of course there is something atavistic about the idea of royalty, too. Mr Hughes showed his awareness of that by remark-

the tribe". He may, unusually among modern laureates, be one for whom the idea of being a tribal poet may prove a powerful stimulus to the imagination. What it means to be a tribal

ing in his first interview that the

Crown was "a symbol of unity of

Chatham secondary school, an area

when they leave school. Considerable efforts are made by the school and careers office staff to dissuade pupils from such an irresponsible course and to equip

be good for him as a poet. them with a positive attitude towards work. In the main we are successful; fewer former pupils are unemployed than in comparable schools in the area, but the problem does exist and will continue to exist whilst state benefits are available to school leavers as an alternative to

Keeping control of heavy lorries Obstacles in way

From the Director-General of The Association of British Chambers of

of recovery

Sir. This association has worked closely with Patrick Jenkin and his predecessors in developing a costeffective urban programme and has supported, in principle, the 1984 Rates Act and the current Local-Government Bill. It therefore saddens us to have to criticise vigorously three decisions recently taken by the Department of the Environment, each of which has been condemned by numbers of the Government's parliamentary supporters, and each appearing to have been forced on the department by the Treasury.

First, the seemingly unjustifiable rises in water rates, where final details are yet to be resolved but which are expected to range between 10 per cent and 20 per cent, will add significantly to the costs of certain sectors of industry, such as the battered textile industry.

Second, the rate-support grant for 1985-86, on which final decisions at local level will also not be reached for two or three months, clearly threatens double-figure increases in a number of important industrial areas. The Government and the tarnished local government finance system must obviously share responsibility with local councils' reluctance to cut their spending in the end business will pay and its competitiveness be impaired.

Finally, there has been the latest restraint on local authority capital spending, adding further to the difficulties of the construction industry, which has been equally battered by lack of demand. Our members will sympathise with the "voodoo economics" description: a more prosaic Chamber executive in the North-east saw the announcement as "unnecessary and unbeliev-

What business finds it hard to understand is how a Government which has made significant contri-butions to the reduction of industrial costs can now be forcing those costs up. Similarly, when increasingly numbers of Government MPs are urging the need to refurbish the national infrastructure, capital programmes are reined back for no

apparent reason. We have consistently argued the need for such programmes to be determined over a longer term than, sadly, has been the case in recent years, and we endorse the recent call by the Institution of Civil Engineers, further supported by the Policy Studies Institute, for a broad framework of strategic planning of such programmes, rather than the present compartmentalised

This may, perhaps, have been a fitting way to end 1984, but urgent remedies are required in 1985. Yours faithfully,

G. TAYLOR, DI The Association of British Chambers of Commerce,

Sovereign House, 212a Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2. December 20.

Johnson Matthey

From Mr Patrick Brenan and Mr Martin Harper

Sir, In his open letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance and Industry, December 20) Dr David Owen sets out some estimates which, he believes, show that the bullion business of Johnson Matthey Bankers Limited has lost money and may continue to do so.

Dr Owen's figures, and therefore his conclusions, are wrong. The newly appointed directors now have sufficient information to confirm that JMB's bullion business not only has been profitable but remains so. The losses are overwhelmingly attributable to bank lending of poor quality. Lending money is easy. Lending in the confident expectation of punctual repayment is another

matter. The new board, with able help from the staff and from other banks, is making progress. It would be a great pity of the job were made more difficult by wrong conclusions based on incorrect data.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK BRENAN MARTIN HARPER (Directors), Johnson Matthey Bankers Limited, 5 Lloyds Avenue, EC3. December 21.

EEC voting rules

From Sir Kenneth Christofas

Sir, Your "European notebook" today (December 17) attributes to the outgoing President of the Enropean Commission, M Gaston Thorn, the belief that the European Community's problems will not be solved until the Council of Ministers applies the system of majority

What the proponents of this thesis often conveniently overlook is that the treaty itself requires unanimity for the adoption of a very large number of decisions, including all new policy decisions, such as those so often taken under article 235 of the EEC treaty. Indeed there are more articles in the EEC treaty which require unanimity for the taking of decisions than there are articles which permit decisions to be taken by qualified majority voting. Yours faithfully. KENNETH CHRISTOFAS,

3 The Ridge, Bolsover Road, Eastbourne,

Sussex. December 17.

From Mrs Pamela Wilford-Smith Sir, "There you go". How come? Yours faithfully, PAMELA WILFORD-SMITH, Stanway, Dormington, Hereford. December 18.

Gnomic question

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Mr Dave Wetzel

Sir, You are right to say (leading article, December 14) that controlling heavy lorries is "exactly the kind of function that a properly founded London-wide authority should be exercising". However, you are quite wrong to suggest that the current ban proposal is irresponsible or has been arrived at with anything other than due seriousness and

proper justification.
It is now more than three years since the GLC set up an independent inquiry, under Derek Wood, QC, which reported in July, 1983. You are also wrong to suggest that the inquiry panel "made sharply divergent predictions" about night and weekend bans. In this respect, the report was unanimous, specifically supported by the two represen-tatives of road freight transport on the panel.

Our work since then has been to build on this consensus and work up a detailed scheme to meet the needs of industry and the environment. This process has been undertaken openly in a series of public committee reports and meetings as well as a huge consultation exercise

with commerce and industry. In this context your charge of irresponsibility is an unwarranted slur, not just on GLC members but on the team of professionals who have used the unique resources of the council to develop our proposal.

Is it irresponsible to devise an exemption system to provide for the supply of perishable foods to London's traditional markets, or for necessary raw materials for London's industry? Is it irresponsible to research what steps can be taken to make heavy lorry operations quieter through driver training better maintenance or the fitting of properly designed "hush kits"? Is it irresponsible to maximize use of the M25, not just for through traffic but for vehicles delivering or collecting goods for London?

I believe that any reasonable person who bas seen or heard the evidence would agree that three and a half years of research, consultation, independent imquiry and public scrutiny have been enough to produce a scheme which offers positive benefits for Londoners at a inimum cost.

We do not consider that more will be learned until we implement the scheme and enter into our permit agreements with lorry operators.

is indulging in petty politicking to the detriment of the people of London. Yours for socialism,

Ours is not a token scheme - it is the

Secretary of State for Transport who

DAVE WETZEL, Chairman, Transport Committee, Greater London Council, Members' Lobby, The County Hall, SE1.

From Mr John Wardroper

Sir, In your leader of December 14, "A lorryload of trouble", you say there is "no great logic" in opposing a weight increase from 38 to 40 tonnes, because "overall weight is a less important factor in causing damage . . . than axle-weight". But if two extra tonnes are loaded on an identical five-axle lorry, as is proposed, axie-loads necessarily go up. As the road-damaging effect is exponential, it is increased by more than 30 per cent.

Furthermore, that is on the assumption that the load is perfectly distributed. In fact, the single driveaxles of these lorries are often badly overloaded even when they are running at 38 tonnes. With the extra tonnes, the drive-axies would often be hitting the road with 13, 14 and even 15 tonnes, according to county

officials who do roadside weighing. At 14 tonnes an axle does more than three times the damage of the present 10.5 legal maximum. No wonder Nicholas Ridley's predecessor, David Howell, declared when deciding on 38 tonnes: "The overall road damage potential of the 40-tonne lorry is larger."

ners came on our roads on May 1. 1983, their drive-axles and their trailers have been imposing extra strains on many hundreds of bridges with certain critical span-lengths (under six metres and over 70 metres). Forty-tonners would impose even greater strains.

As for bridges: ever since 38-ton-

It is true that bridges can be strengthened or replaced. However, the Department of Transport has not yet even got round to deciding how to carry out a national survey to discover what needs to be done to make bridges safe for our present lorries.

Yours faithfully. JOHN WARDROPER. 60 St Paul's Road, N1.

Polytechnic troubles

From Dr John Marks

Sir, Your welcome editorial on the Polytechnic of North London (December 13) shows a realistic grasp of the complexities of left-wing politics which have dominated its affairs over the last fourteen years of endemic conflict and disruption. But may I correct you on one point?

It would not be a victory but a defeat for the far left if the polytechnic were to close. What the far left at PNL want, and have at the moment, is an institution - funded

annually by nearly £20 million of public money – in which they are the dominating influence.

What they fear most is the closure of the polytechnic and the adoption of what is increasingly becoming the only viable alternative - the relocation of its sound departments in healthier academic environments Yours faithfully,

JOHN MARKS. 2 Melbury Road, Middlesex December 14.

Airlines policy

From the Chairman of the Air Transport Users' Committee Sir, In his article headed "Extra Gatwick runway sought" (December 8) your Transport Editor must have misunderstood what was said at the Air Transport Users' Committee's

press conference last Friday. We did not say that "the recent Government carve-up of routes between British Airways and British Caledonian was potentially damaging to the air traveller". We indicated that too much had been made of the international route swops when the crux of the White Paper was that British Airways

would keep and be able to expand its services from regional airports.

Passengers would be likely to lose out if BA runs into hard times and, as happened four years ago, cuts back or abandons regional routes in order to concentrate on its main hub at Heathrow. Better to have

independent airlines dedicated to building their own hub at the major regional airports, as recommended by the Civil Aviation Authority in its report on airline competition policy. Yours faithfully.

GARNOCK, Chairman, Air Transport Users' Committee, 129 Kingsway, WC2. December 11.

Leaving Unesco

From Mr Conn Nugent Sir, Mr G. Frost (November 8) alleges that this organisation
"favours unilateral Western gestures
and treats the superpowers as if they were morally equivalent". As executive director I would like to

comment on our position.
IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Inc) was founded, and operates today, for the sole purpose of educating the world about the medical consequences of the nuclear arms race. Ours is a non-political federation of 34 national affiliates representing more than 105,000 physicians (about one third in the USA). We communicate the same infor mation to both East and West. We do not criticize the specific policies of any government.

earlier this year, messages of greeting and support were received from President Chernenko, President Reagan, and Pope John Paul II and many other world leaders. An appeal from the congress was sent to both Mr Reagan and Mr Chernenko. The message suggested that independent initiatives inviting reciprocation might be a way of breaking the deadlock that exists in

At our fourth congress in Helsinki

arms-control negotiations. To imply, as Mr Frost does, that an even-handed appeal to both superpowers somehow aligns us to

one and pits us against the other is

Director, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Inc, 225 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

The ring cycle From Mr Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Mrs J. C. Marno in her letter (December 17) says that the problem of auction rings "seems no nearer to being eradicated".
Whilst this is true,I must empha-

size that the problem will never be solved until the Government has the will to do so. Mrs Marno refers to the "Duccio ring" of 1968, but appears to have forgotten that the main blame for failure to institute legal proceedings against that earlier conspiracey was laid fairly and squarely at the door of the Board of Trade by the Ombudsman at that time. I should know since I was then the Chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers who, through two members of Parliament, re-

ferred the matter to him. I just wonder whether the present scandal concerning a Queen Anne bookcase is going to be another example of plus ca change plus c'est la même chose? Yours faithfully,

HUGH LEGGATT. Leggatt Brothers, Fine Art Dealers. 17 Duke Street. St James's, SW1.

both illogical and unworthy. Yours etc., CONN NUGENT, Executive

Child abuse From Dr Hugh Jolly

Sir, Peter Ackroyd, in his review today (December 19) of Nigel Evans's documentary, Taking the Lid Off. a film in which abused children talked about their experiences, has answered his own question as to what is the purpose, and the result, of displaying private grief for the benefit of a television audience. He fails to understand that the abuse of children by their parents and its causes are public, not

He asks, how were the children persuaded to appear on television and do we have the right to ask them to reveal themselves in front of television. I would believe that they did not require persuasion to take part because, perhaps for the first time, they trusted those caring for them. This led them to be able to talk about their experiences, an

important aspect of therapy.

That the public should be helped to understand the causes of child abuse is essential to its prevention. Yours faithfully. HUGH JOLLY. Hon Consulting Paediatrician, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulharu Palace Road, W6.

How to help our historic homes

From Mr A. M. Alexander

Sir, Mr Fleetwood-Hesketh (December 16) has identified a very real problem with regard to the preservation of the national heritage with particular reference to Kedleston. He has, however, attributed the difficulties to taxation policies rather than past history and people.

He asks for private houses to be made free of capital transfer tax. We would all wish that taxation was moved away from our own assets and income and on to those of others. In the context of the heritage, however, what he asks for already

The exemption afforded to heritage property under the capital transfer tax regime is such that, if the owner is prepared to put up with the inconvenience of public access, no tax whatsoever need be levied on the great houses of England and their contents.

That exemption of itself is insufficient. These houses require massive maintenance; and recognis-ing this, since 1980, the Government has provided an effective medium, through the Maintenance Fund regime, to give similar exemption to the necessary endowment fund to support the houses, even though

both remain in private ownership. Even this is not enough. The deprivations of past fiscal legislation still linger on, and it is this problem that afflicts Kedleston and other great houses like Calke.

There is still room for further Government assistance, whether through the National Heritage Memorial Fund or the newly created English Heritage Commission. Moreover there will always be cases where the owners, for whatever reason, as in the case of Calke or Kedleston, fail to take the preservative action which would have been available to them.

For those cases it is encumbent upon the Government firstly to educate the owners, and do everything possible to persuade them to take advantage of the reliefs that are available, and secondly it must adopt a generous attitude to ensure preservation of those properties that still fail to fall within the letter of available exemptions, whether because of archaic settlements, or the simple inertia that seems to afflict some of their owners in coming to terms with fiscal impositions; particularly when this might involve not only lawyers fees, but also opening themselves to the public 227e

Yours faithfully, A. M. ALEXANDER. Royds Bartield, Solicitors. 2 Crane Court, EC4. December 20.

Plight of Vietnamese

From Mr Christopher Macy Sir. The present plight of the could have been predicted by anyone who knew the history of such migrations. The decision to disperse them was a disaster. It is known that the incidence of psychological disturbance is far higher in migrants who are deprived the support of their own

their advantages.
Furthermore, it is understandable that psychiatric medicine will not help because it is not what is needed. Psychological therapy and community treatment is the method of choice for these sad people, who are not, in the main, psychiatrically ill. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MACY.

communities. So-called ghettos have

(Senior Clinical Psychologist). Rauceby Hospital, South Lincolnshire Health Authority, Lincolnshire, December 18.

Spirit of Christmas

From Mrs Angela Howard-Johnston Sir, For three years running I have failed to find in Oxford a traditional midnight service on Christmas Eve. My disappointment culminated at the University Church last year where the "Nativity service" was such a dreadful hybrid that several people walked out in protest.

I wish I could find a Church of

England church within 50 miles of this city where, this year, I might be lucky enough to find the following: 1. No requests to shake hands with members of the congregation in the contemporary cocktail party fashion. 2. Candlelight instead of bright

lights. 3. Traditional words and carols rather than modern "improve-ments" illegibly photocopied on bits of paper, and the calling upon us to turn to a numbered "section" even

for the blessing. It would be an especial Christmas treat to make use of the Prayer Book again. Yours faithfully. ANGELA HOWARD-JOHNSTON,

Puliens End, Puliens Lane, Headington, December 13.

Undiscovered country

From Mr J. H. B. Gowan

Sir, My grandson aged four proudly announced that his part in the school nativity play was to be a leopard. His mother thought it a bit odd but assumed they were livening things up with a few new animals.

However, when his costume arrived for fitting it was a shepherd. He knew about leopards from his picture books, but had never heard of a shepherd! Yours truly, JAMES GOWAN,

1 Syke Ings. Iver. Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Nicholas Bennett iir, Dr J. A. Richardson (December

Attitudes to work

2) should not attempt to refute our assertion (leading article, December 6) that many individtals" of school-leaving age prefer to ake state benefits rather than look or work by arguing from a limited

tumber of particular cases. For what it is worth, my own aperience as senior master at a

of higher than average unemployment, tends to support your underlying premise. A substantial minority of about 20 per cent of fifth-year pupils openly proclaim their intention of living on "the chat" (the local name for the dole)

training or employment. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BENNETT. 22 Almond Grove, Hempstead, Gillingham, Kent.



COURT CIRCULAR

December 21: The Baptism of the Infant Son of The Prince and Princess of Wales was administered at 11.30am today in St George's

the wise?

is meant by the word God.

vague idea of a cosmic force with no practical implications

at all; or they appeal to some half-forgotten childhood picture

of a bearded superperson, constantly interfering with the mechanistic laws of nature.

Many people, even many Christians, remain unaware of

what their own theological tradition really teaches about

Nothing is more important in

The Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Windsor, baptized the Infant Prince, who received the names of Henry Charles Albert David.

The Spontage party.

The Sponsors were: The Prince
Andrew, Lady Sarah ArmstrongJones, the Lady Vestey, Mrs.
William Bartholomew, Mr Bryan
Organ and Mr Gerald Ward.
Mr Christopher Robinson (Or-

ganist and Composer) and the Clerks and Choristers of St George's

Forthcoming marriages Mr R. G. Braithwaite and Miss A. A. Swift

The engagement is announced between Gareth, son of Mr and Mrs A. Braithwaite, of Warley, Yorkshire, and Anita, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs D. F. M. Swift, of Noodstock, Oxfordshire, and Hong

Mr H. Clifford and Miss C. C. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Captain and Mrs J. A. Clifford, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Charlotte Clare, elder daughter of Mr R. F. Johnson, BVSc, MRCVS, and Mrs Johnson, of Callipers Hall Farm, Chipperfield Herifordships

Mr P. G. Jackson and Ms M. L. Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Peter George, son of Mr and Mrs G, Jackson, of Cleckheaton, and Melanie Louise, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Spencer, of Leeds, West Yorkshire. Mr M. Mosa and Miss R. C. Harker

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mrs Mary Moss, of Hurlingham, London, SW, and the late Mr Malcolm Moss, and Rosemary Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. E. D. Harker, of Lynton odge, Coronation Road, Ascot.

Mr Q. S. J. Robbins and Miss J. D. Robinson and Miss J. D. Robbisson
The engagement is announced between Quentin, son of Mr and Mrs S. H. Robbins, of Thulston, Derby, and Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Robbisson of Bulwell, Nottingham.

Mr R. E. N. Travers

The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. S. V. Travers, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian McGeough, of Mill Hill, London.

West Hill Park The governors have appointed Ma

M. A. Elmitt. Housemaster of Court House, Canford, to succeed Mr C. C. Evers as Headmaster of West Hill Park in September 1985.

rice - Jerusalem - Israel

archaeologists have excavated the main Roman entry way

ceded in unearthing a guard

tower, the tallest preserved Roman structure in the coun-

In the second century A.D.

the Emperor Hadrian crected

a buce column apparently

topped by a statue of himself

in the square just inside the

main gateway to what was then the Roman Jerusalem

and what is now known as the

Old City.

The column served as the

starting point for measuring

all distances in the region, and was considered the main

architectural feature of Had-

rian's Jerusalem, which he called Acolia Capitolina.

Modern archeologists wre

aware of the column's exist-

ence and its exact placement

because of a sixth-century mosaic map of the Hoty Land

Forgotten sense of being of God

What is God? Can a reasonable Muslim traditions. Lack of the is like the language of poetry, person believe in God any knowledge has led to disasmore? Marxist Leninism re- trously naive ideas of God, and Enlightenment rationalism to gards the rejection of God as to a misunderstanding of what essential to its creed. That may these faiths are about, when not be very surprising. But there they talk of worshiping God. are philosophers and even For worshipping God is not theologians who apparently say that we can no longer believe in a real, objective God. Is belief in God some sort of outmoded

telling some very powerful, invisible person how good he is, in the hope that he will pat you on the head and give you eternal life. It is simply the superstition, now discarded by reverent awareness of the being Things may be even worse than that. It is not that people know what God is, and have decided to reject him. It seems of God, as it truly is. But that is what we have forgotten. that very few people even know

Putting it with unbearable brevity, God is not a very wise and powerful person, watching us balefully from some Olym-pian height. God is a unique, what the orthodox, traditional idea of God, shared by Judaism, Islam and Christianity, is. They have not the slightest idea what infinite and eternal reality, beyond all human power to describe adequately, yet expressed in and through the It just has no sense or possible place in their lives. finite things of space and time. Instead, they either invent some

There can be no question of proving that such a reality exists, in the sense that we might one day come across it, like some extremely remote object in space. What needs to bee done is to develop a sense that the world of finite things is able to express an infinite reality beyond and yet also fusing it. We need to learn to see things as pointing beyond themselves, as sacramental of a supreme reality and value, as visible images of eternity.

religion today than to recover a knowledge of the traditional idea of God, basically shared by Aquinas, Maimonides and al-Ghazali, the major philosophers What can help us to evokesuch a sense is not science or philosophy, but poetry or music. The language of religion of the Christian, Jewish and

His new master: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the

Lord Chancellor, in his office yesterday with Spot, a 14-week-old Jack Russell terrier. The pup was a Christmas present to replace his much-loved Mini, which died earlier

ways flanked by a large main

gate, through which 10,000

people pass every day.

He knew exactly where the
Roman gate was situated
thanks to British archaeol-

ogists who had uncovered the facade, in the 1930s. But just

inside the facade, the gate was completely filled with rubble

and concrete packed there by the Turks when they were

building the Damascus Gate

Once the gateway had been cleared, Nir Magen and his team decided to continue

burrowing, which led them to a

Roman guard tower, also shown on the Madaba map,

which stood just to the east of

the second-century entry way.

The guard tower too, was filled

to the ceiling with rubble Standing mainly under-ground the Roman tower is 36

feet tall, 33ft long and 18ft wide. It has turned out to be

the tallest preserved Roman

The following awards have been made by Oxford colleges:

structure in Israel.

NEW COLLEGE

Science report

Jerusalem's Roman history unearthed

that was uncovered years ago in the ruins of a Greek

Orthodox church in the tiny Jordanian village of Madaba. The map clearly showed the

outline of sixth-century Jeru-

salem, with a tall column in

the plaza just behind the main gate and the streets branching

To this day the main entry way to the Old City, the Torkish-built Damascus Gate,

is still referred to by the city's arabs as Bab al-Amud, the

In 1979 Jerusalem's city fathers, led by the Mayor, Mr Teddy Kollek, decided that as

part of a general project to the

Damascus Gate area they

would try to unearth the original Roman entry way

Mr Menahem Magen, an

commissioned to excavate the

main Roman entryway into the

Old City, which originally consisted of two small arch-

archaeologist,

gate of the column.

and it is a major heresy of post-uses for God is "esse Enlightenment rationalism to subsistens": being existing of try to turn poetry into pseudoscience, to turn the images of religion, whose function is to tive phrase "the ocean of evoke eternity, into mundane unlimited existence, perfectly descriptions of improbable possessed."

So the immensely evocative image of the Eternal' (as God is very often called, in the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament) is perversely twisted into the mundane superstition of the peevish old man in the sky. When that superstition is rightly rejected, it is not God which is rejected; but a pseuso-scientific misunderstanding of language about God, which misses the point of religious faith entirely.

In a sense, then, atheism is right, but only in its rejection of a God who never was, and of a belief which never touched the heart of religious faith. Religious understanding has

reached its nadir when even a responsible theologian can say that belief in an objective God must be given up. The deeper question is, what is meant by objectivity? And what sort of objectivity is in question here?

The contemplative awareness of the unlimited, beyond name and form, which traditional theism seeks to instil, is the realization of true objectivity. It is the just perception of what most truly is, and of how far it stands beyond our analytical

Services tomorrow

Thus one key-term Aquinas uses for God is "esse itself alone, entire and underived. Or, in Boethius's evoca-

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an outstandingly important part

as well as Western observers,

and as the organiser of the

bringing Soviet armed strength

up to that of the United States.

In the last years of his long political career - which was

almost exclusively concerned

with the armaments industry and military affairs - Ustinov was Soviet Minister of Defence and one of the most influential

Dmitry Fedorovich Ustinov

was born into a working-class family in the town of Samara

(now Kuibyshev) on October 30, 1908. When still in his mid-

members of the Polithuro.

This is certainly not objective existence, understood as that of one finite object among others in space-time. But to deny that it is existence at all, that it is a form of reality before which human existence is disclosed as poised, trembling, between being and non-being, is to cut off religious understanding at its

Of course this idea of God is difficult to grasp; it is the furition of years of contemplative prayer and self-transcendence. But to forget or discard that tradition is to close ourselves off from some of the ourselves off from some of the most profound discoveries of the human spirit.

To learn to appreciate it is to transfigure our vision of existence. The contemporary religious problem is not to decide whether or not God exists. It is to learn again patiently and sensitively, what the great theologians of our tradition have meant by the concept of God.

Keith Ward F. D. Maurice Professor of Theology, London Univer-

teens, he spent a year as a volunteer in the Red Army and as early as 1927 he joined the Communist Party. In the same year he began work as a fitter in the Balakhna Paper Combine in the Gorky region of Russia and over the next two years he worked in several different Societ.

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THM 11. Mess quand to Reps (Lasses): industrial enterprises. working-class credentials, Usti-Mary ABOTS, Kensington: HC. 8, MARY ABOTS, Kensington: HC. 8, Dr. Sung Excharist, 9:30. The Vicari M. 6. Rev P M Arnold: E qualit, 4:30 s. readings, blooming of Arnold: G. Gallich, 4:30 s. readings, blooming of Arnold (G. Hord) and the Company of Arnold (G. Hord) of Nine Lasson Carrels by Camblellori 6:30. nov entered higher education in 1929 and graduated first from the Bauman Higher Technical School in Moscow and in 1934 form the Leningrad Military Technical Institute. From 1934 until 1937 he worked as an engineer at the Naval Artillery Research Institute in Leningrad. In 1937 he moved to the Bolshevik Arms Factory, also situated in Leningrad, where he was successively design engin-eer, head of the Operations and Testing Bureau, deputy chief designer and (from 1938 to 1941) manager of the factory. When Germany attacked the Soviet Union in June 1941 and thus brought the USSR into the Second World War. Ustinov was appointed People's Commissar (as ministers were then known) of Armaments at the

Mr Hugh O'Donnell, senior partners of Brian Colquboun and Partners and Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Philip Rushion, deputy senior partner, and Mrs Rushton and partners enter-tained members of their staff and

Latest appointments Mr Nicholas Brown, aged 34, Labour MP for Newcastle-upon-Tyne East, to be an additional

CATHEDRAL: HC. 9: A. Adoremus in seternum on hears her watchmen's Canon Parrott. Christmas remarkable early age of thirty-two. He continued in this post (with the title of minister from 1946) until 1953. The Soviet Union had been woefully underprepared for war and was desperately short of armaments damage professional comability. RECENT SOLIARE PRESSYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed). Tavistock Place: 11.6.30. Rev J Miller: ES Carols by Carolistok. era. At the last party congress to be held in Stalin's lifetime - the Nineteenth Congress in 1952 - he became a full member of the Central Committee of the party. In 1953 he was appointed Minister of the Defence industry, a post he held until 1957 when he was made a deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, while retaining Birthdays TODAY: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, 63: Dame Peggy Ashcroft, 77; Mr James Burke, 48; Dr Alan Bush, 84; the Right Rev Cyril Easthaugh, 87; Mr Noel Edmunds, 36; Miss Patricia Hayes, 75; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, 79; Mr Michael Molloy, 44; Mr Chris Old, 36; the Rev Lord Sandford, 64; the Duke of Westminster, 33; Colonel W.H. Whitbread, 84; the Very Rev J.H. Wild, 80. TOMORROW: Lord Bancroft, 62; Mrs C. Bicknell, 65; Mr Archibald Black, 77; Lord Blake, 68: Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carlill, 82; Professor Sir Theodore Crawford, 73; Mr Maurice Denham, 75; Mr Richard Findlater, 63: Mis J.M. Quennell, 61; Herr Helmut Schmidt, 66; Mr Rayner, 59. Dinner Brian Colombons and Partners overall responsibility for the Soviet armaments industry, a

guests at a dinner and dance at the Dorchester hotel on Thursday, December 20, 1984.

Labour spokesman on legal affairs under Mr John Morris. He was formerly legal officer for the northern region of the General, Municipal Boilermakers and Allied

The dinner was over. The drinks trolley was wheeled up and the waiter asked Elizabeth Kent, a percipient restaurant critic of our acquaintance, if she wanted a brandy. "I'd like a Macallan"

she replied, looking forward to sherry-gold depths of delectation. "That's not a brandy. That's a malt whisky, madam." I know." The waiter became playful. "You don't want a whisky.

I know what madam would

like ... "So do I." said Elizabeth. gathering up her bag.

"Our lady customers never ask for whisky," the waiter explained as he jostled her into her coat. "It's a man's drink."

...Elizabeth Kent does not use words like 'sexist' but it was quivering on her pen as she reviewed the experience - only settling on a more considered reproof after a timely measure of the necessary balm.

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

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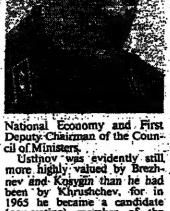
take an active interest in the constituency. The family's publishing inter-Commission in 1981-84, and ests had lapsed during the war, consultant to the National Trust and Benn played a part in reviving them. He succeeded, for instance, in arranging the publication of Painting as a Pastime, by Winston Churchill, illustrated by Churchill's own paintings. But in 1949 he succeeded his father at the head of the UK Provident Institution, and turned his main attention to the City.

Conservative candidate for

North Bradford and, though he

then gave up thoughts of a

political career, he continued to



(non-voting) member of the Polithuro and in the same year a Secretary of the Central Committee. In his [1] years in the Secretariat, his special responsibilities were for the military, defence industry and the security organs. Thus, there was no question of his losing touch with his main speciality. while as party overlord of the KGB he had new and additional responsibilities which involved his working closely with Andropov, who was KGB chairman throughout most of that period.

When the post of Minister of Having consolidated his Defence fell vacant in 1967, Ustinov was considered to be a candidate, even though the position was not normally held by a civilian. Kosygin, whose relations with Ustinov almost certainly went back to prewar Leningrad, is said to have backed Ustinov for the post, but Brezhnev preferred Marshal Grechko with whom he had served during the war. Though remaining a Secretary of the Central Committee, Ustinov was an influential figure within the Soviet leadership and at the Twenty-Fifth Congress in 1976 he was promoted to full Akhromeyev. It is inconceiv-membership of the Politburo. able that this change could have Within a few weeks of the been made without Ustinov's Congress, Grechko died sud-denly and on this occasion the that it was made on Ustinov's obstacles to the appointment of and in charge of the Soviet

August of the same year, in a tember 10 to 15. move designed to give a further rought to the repairing of this amage professional competence, great energy bility.

Ustinov's Communist Party well as ministerial career military affairs especially arms. when it broke out. Ustinov brought to the repairing of thisas well as ministerial career military allairs, especially armaliast public appearance. Though blossomed in the post-war, and ments. In view of his experience the usual Order of the Day for post-Khrushchev,

He was chairman of Crosby

the war, and A Merchant

Adventurer in South America

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(1959) was an attempt to

explain and popularize City

Ursula Helen Alers Hankey,

and they had two sons and three

of 71, was County Planning

Officer for Monmouthshire from 1945 to 1974, and served.

as president of the executive

council of the County Planning

Officers' Society in 1968-69. He was chairman of the Weish

committee of the Countryside

on structure plans in Wales

of 80. She was the former Lorna Mansfield, and married in 1929.

She is survived by her husband,

a son and a daughter.

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SIR JOHN BENN

on December 19 at the age of Trust Management Ltd from 80, was a member of a family 1958 to 1961, and of Cincinnati long connected with the City, Milacron Ltd from 1969 to with insurance, publishing and 1976. He also served as politics. He himself was active chairman of Technical Development

Sir John Benn, Bt, who died

chairman and managing direc-tor of the United Kingdom

Temperance and General Provi-

He was also active in Anglo-

dent Institution.

LORD SPENS

Cerise Dewar writes: I was surprised that Press reports concerning the Lord Spens said so little in redemption of his good name. He tried very hard to make amends for his earlier gambling addiction and subsequent

ness, which included Benn Brothers Ltd and Ernest Benn Ltd, and from 1949 to 1949 Brothers Ltd and Ernest Benn Benn had a large circle of Ltd, and from 1949 to 1968 was friends, who appreciated the chairman and managing directions warmth of his personality and prison sentence. He certainly On his release in 1976 he courageously took up his seat in the House of Lords and became his sense of duty; and a range of charitable activities. In the 1930s he had been active in an active and worthwhile Cross trying to persuade industry to set itself up in Crook, in Durham; and he was chairman Bencher, I was a personal friend and knew him well; he was a kind, generous and caring man for many years of the John Benn Boys's Hostels Associ-- although in the latter part of his life he was suffering from a severe heart condition which He wrote several books based could have killed him at any on his own experiences, includtime - he always remained; cheerful and helpful. ing I Say Rejoice (1942), a memoir of his brother Chris-topher, killed in Africa during

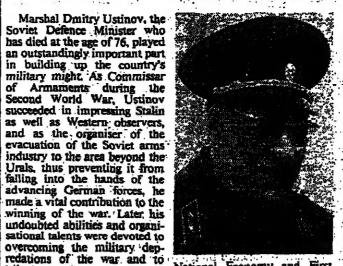
Not only in the Lords, but in the Royal Commonwealth Socicty he helped a great number of people and made many friends. He died, in fact, a very

worthy and much-loved man. It would be tragic if his many fine qualities should go unremembered by posterity.

Mr Barchay Leecham, CMG, OBE, who died on December 13 at the age of 83, was a former Mr James Kegie, OBE, who member of the Colonial Service died on December 14 at the age who served in Tanganyika and later became chairman of that country's Transport Licensing Authority 1956-59 and executive director of the Tanganyika; Sisal Growers' Association

Mr René Klonfenstein, the Swiss conductor and former director of the Montreux International Music Festival, died on December 12 on a flight from the United States to Switzerland. He was 57. Lady Russell, wife of Sir Archibald Russell, CBE, FRS, died on December 10 at the age

Colonel Robert Humbert, OBE, who died on December 17 at the age of 70, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire in 1959.



MARSHAL DMITRY USTINOV

Important role in building up Soviet armed forces

importance in the Soviet political hierarchy was immediately made manifest. He was one of the first four bearers of Brezh-nev's coffin and was the second speaker - after Andropov - at the funeral. According to some accounts, it was Ustinov who was the first to propose Andropov as Brezhnev's successor at the Polithuro meeting which made the real decision, even though it was left to Brezhnev's protégé, Chemenko, to propose Andropov as General Secretary at the more formal (and publicized) stage of the succession process - his election by the Central Committee.

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When Andropov died on-February 9, 1984. Usinov's voice must again have been an important one in the Polithard discussions, but to what extents or with how much or little enthusiasm, Ustinov supported Chernenko for the succession is not known. Under Chernenko's leadership, however, Ustinov continued to enjoy considerable prominence, as he had done under Andropov and during the last years of Brezhnev's life. As Minister of Defence, he con-tinued to make relatively hardinc speeches about the dangers from the West, but under all three General Secretaries whom he served in this capacity, he gave no encouragement to those senior Soviet officers who, in their speeches, seemed to be ruling out the possibility of progress on arms limitation. Though professional military views obviously weighed heavily with Usunov, he was never a mere spokesman for the military interests but a politician who put first the interests of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union as he saw them.

Last September, when Ustinov was still physically fit to carry out his duties, party control over the military was strikingly demonstrated. The capable but somewhat assertive Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov was replaced as - Soviet Chief of General Staff and First Deputy Minister of Defence on Sep-tember 6 by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev. It is inconceivparty leadership decided that initiative. That Ustinov was there were no insuperable still in reasonably good health obstacles to the appointment of and in charge of the Soviet a non-soldier to the post he had. Union's defence effort at that held and Ustinov became time was illustrated when he Minister of Defence. He was attended the "Shield "84" simultaneously given the mili-) Warsaw Pact exercises in lary rank of General and in Czechoslovakia from Sep-

Later that month boost to his authority, was September 27 - Ustinov created a Marshal of the Soviet presented the Order of Legin and responsibilities, he became the anniversary of the Bolshea key figure in the series of arms vik Revolution on November 7 limitation discussions between was signed by Ustinov, his the United States and the Soviet failure to appear to take the Union initiated in the 1970s, salute on the Lenin Mansoleum. Much of this work was behind that day confirmed the susthe scenes, but he took an active picions which had been growing part in the Vienna Summit during his lengthy absence from Meeting of 1979 where one of public view that he was already the participants on the Ameri- gravely ill. His death, accordcan side. Zbigniew Brzezinski, ingly, came as no great surprise, was struck by his "quick and though it left an important gap shrewd mind" as well as by the in the Soviet political leaderwarm relations which existed ship. No other civilian could responsibility he continued to between him and both Brezh-boast of anything comparable to hold when between 1963 and nev and Gromyko.

Ustinov's experience, know-1965 he was both Chairman of On Brezhnev's death in ledge and authority in the USSR Supreme Council of November 1982, Ustinov's military sphere.

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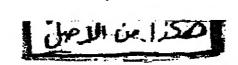
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The Week: Galleries, Theatre. Films, Dance, Opera, Music, and a critical guide to holiday television and radio

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(3) Patronizing valour (4) Cake topping

Gold mine: £725 to be won in our prize quiz and jumbo crossword

22-28 DECEMBER 1984 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS



MONEY.

MATTERS

(1) Who had £560 million

made £115 million?

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Who was "extremely

Parsons get £1 million?

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(5) Who could not get his

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THE FAMILY

everyday story of country folk? Who photographed a

calendar of Ilford?

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Who read his Old Man

Who played Phoni Sid? Who weighed in at

SOME OLD

FAVOURITES

(1) Who are Stockton's

(2) What price a Vulcan

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HEADLINE:

GRABBERS

How did the following make

Kathryn Sullivan

Malcolm Cooper

QUOTABLE

QUOTES

(1) "The characteristic of

the Good Samaritan is

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(10) Michael Hancock

(11) Brian Cobby

Svetlana Savitskaya

(1) Bruce McCandless (2) Rakesh Sharma

Chris Butcher

news in 1984?

(6) Who listed the Kremlin

(3) How much to put your

name on the Great

(4) Whose favourite Bible

verse contains the line:

God is in the midst of

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And whose: "And when

he had made a scourge

of small cords, he drove

as a favourite building?

What would have been

on the face of a much-

a monstrous carbuncle

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(2) Who invaded the

of Lochnagar?

keeping a dog?

Where was the finance

Where did Joseph Allen

and Dale Gardner pick

to burn? (2) What "obvious political spectacle"

GOOD NEWS FOR SOME

- Who awarded himself nearly full marks for
- pram emptying? (2) What celebrated the bicentenary of an event that took place in a gutter on Paris's left bank?
- (3) To whom were Shakespeare's sonnets dedicated "for his professional appreciation of William Shakespeare"?
- (4) What of MacGillivray's came out of extinction with a crash?
- (5) Who arranged a good hand for Flockton Grey?
- (6) Where did dongolas make a come back? (7) Who pottered out of an undisclosed kidnapping and turned up in a
- London auction room? (8) By court decision, how many hens should a
- cockerel keep happy? Which Egyptian hairpiece is going back
- on loan? (10) Where did Charles Spedding finish in

BAD NEWS? FOR OTHERS

- (1) Which rock sank in Portsmouth? (2) Who shot two and was
- not reported to the police? (3) What proved an
- expensive place to send your mother-in-law, all expenses paid? (4) What triumph ended
- sadly in acclaim? Which country is ruled
- by a shadow? (6) Who caught fire during a Pepsi Cola

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- commercial? (7) What did Coca Cola and Cheez Doodles precede?
- (8) Where were more people in favour of a nuclear holocaust than wanted to keep freight
- off the roads? (9) What does the Speaker of the House of Commons have in common with Adolf
- Hitler and Larry Hagman? (10) Whose loss "was likethe final curtain on a play what I wrote"?
- Who admitted frightening his sister's girlfriends with frogs and being so ugly that his mother covered his face with a blanket and told the neighbours not to disturb him?

NO NEWS AT, ALL

- (1) Which newspaper printed an interview with Arthur Scargill which he had not
- given? (2) Who came down to earth with a bump 22 years to the day after going into orbit?
- (3) Who was buried 439 years to the day after drowning?
 (4) What had put on four
- more pages after 40 years and was sold for
- (5) Who cut Bolero down to size (obviously not Bo Derek:

What had followed the long and the short and

that he had a wallet with the cash in it to pay the bill." Get off my bloody feet, Fred.

Who said?

"In an operation of this kind one would not go for a Proust or a Joyce - not that I would

exam for know-alls. Name the people usually paired with those shown on

the right; and answer

the questions below

Robin Young sets a

prize holiday

- know about that, never having read either." (4) "I think I would look very closely at how many people would have been hurt, and I
- might have said: 'Is it worth it?" "
 (5) "I think if they hadn't been paying me for it I would still have gone on and done it, you
- know." "I want to put the pride back into Britain."
- (7) "I would not want anybody looking at me to think this man is a thick, stupid, illiterate
- yob."
 We begin bombing in five minutes." "To have him in bed
- with me was such middle-aged joy. "I am not one of your local characters. I don't vote here - I vote in
- (11) "It is not enough to rearrange the deckchairs and to ask the band to play more loudly. It is time to notice that people are looking for the

Florida.

- lifeboats. "Crisis? What crisis? There is no crisis?" year with the possibility "The editor of The Sun was an avid reader. He was always learning Whose home was saved
 - things from us." "It just occurred to me that this was the day I was not meant to see." "We are utterly, totally

AROUND AND ABOUT

(1) How is Chris Greener (1) Who proved Canute

divided."

- outstanding? (2) What in the British Isles is not considered worth more than 16 out of 20?
- (3) Where did Mardale surface?
- And Melbury? Who was well-chuffed
- at the Pool? (6) Which god lost his place on the pedestal? Where did the family of
- man have to be reunited? (8) What did Jupiter
- collide with? What repelled
- Mars? (10) How was Pluto picketed?

WHO DIED IN 1984?

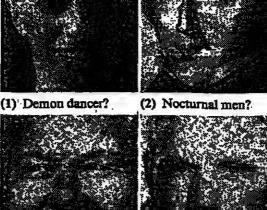
- (1) Who had us doing the hokey-cokey? (2) Brought spiritual
- locomotion to the Home Guard? Went just like that?
- Came by day and night to scourge from end 10 (5) Jumped at one o'clock?
- (6) Had been praised as Jocasta in Oedipus? Gathered lilacs! Went ape out of water?
- Was feeling. poorly ... proper poorly? (10) Suffered four hundred
- blows? (11) "Died of addiction to
- jogging"? (12) Painted his mother with a pint of
- Guinness? (13) Fed Proust on ice cream and iced beer for
- a month? (14) Was the kid? Was Oscar's first lady? Was called Madam?
- (17) Heard it through the grapevine?

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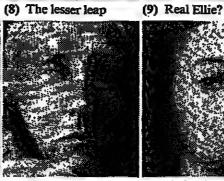
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There will be prizes of £250, £150 and £75 respectively for the first three correct entries, or, failing that, for the three who score highest marks. Do not forget to include your name and full address.

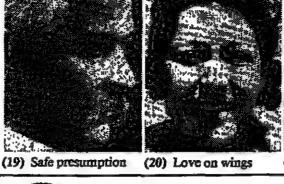
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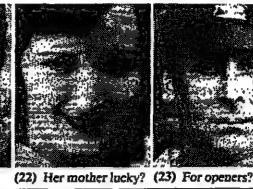












(16) First across

(10) Quick change



(17) Wizard wife



(5) They met together (6) Dear Liar



(12) Phantom roller



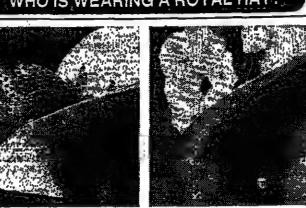
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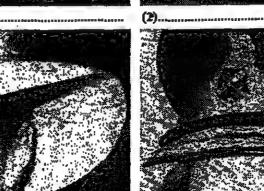


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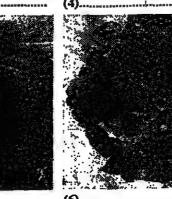
uick quiz: One just for fun. Answers on page 17

WHO IS WEARING A ROYAL HAT?













SPORT

- How many gold medals did the United Kingdom win in the 1984 Olympics? (Score a point for each one correctly ident-
- ified.)
 2 Name the first three home in the 1984 Derby. 3 Who won the 1984 Oper 4 What was the score in the
- 5 Who is world snooker cham plon? 5 Who is world chess cham-
- plon? Who holds the world record a 1,500 metres?
- most runs for England in the Test series against West Indies? Who finished top of the Rugby
- Who won the 1984 Formula One world championship?

FOREIGN FILE

a) Canada? b) New Zealand? France? d) Grenada? What was the name of the Sikh leader whose militancy led to the storming of the Golden Temple at Amritsar? Who was the Nigerian in the

Who is president of a) Argentina? b) Finland? c) El Salvador?

Where is Desmond Tutu

POLITICS

- How many European Paris ment seats did Labour win? ment seats did Labour Win?

 Who is chairman of the SDP?

 Who is president of Plaid Cymru?

 Who is Labour's chief whip in
- 5 Who is Tory chief whip in the Lords?
 6 Who is the youngest member of the House of Commons?
 7 Who is Father of the House? 8 Who is Paymaster General?
 9 Who finished top in Labour's shadow cabinet elections?

10 How many partiamentary by elections were there in 1984? SPACE

- 1 Which was 1984's longes space mission? 2 How many days did it last? (Score three). How many space shuttle fights
- 4 Can you name the first fare paying passenger in space? (Score three). about space flight?

CRIME

What was the name of the wedding day murderer? What was the name of the newsegent whose toe was cut

- raids in Essex? (Score five). Name the most wanted wome whose extraction was sough
- from ireland? 6 Name the most wanted Australian criminal whose extradition was sought from Name the banned Am
- whose appearance in Northern ireland led to a death?
 8 Whose death? (Score three).

ARTS

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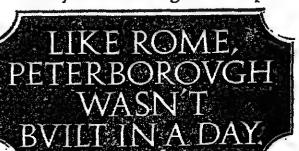
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At £600 a day, the new St James's Club in Antigua may be the world's richest watering hole. Richard Williams drops in ...

Mixing rum punches on jet set island

Three hundred years ago, its screen. According to Frank M in a coconut half-shell with a lack of water so little endeared Pfaller, the managing director, garland of hot-pink bougainvil-Antigua to the marauding everything from the sunset to lea.

The rum punch at the path towels, will be spec. Britain, whose soldiers, sailors tacular". and settlers fought drought and fierce Carib alike to turn the island into a province of King Sugar, Not much changes. We arrived on the heels of

the first significant rainfall in two years, a godsend which had given the interior's barren landscape the very palest brushing of fresh green, Cows and goats had been dying where surance against such a dry spell. by a more extensive programme. vailing dinner-table topic.

None of this will bother the

residents of the St James's Club. new development scheduled to open this month at Mamora Bay, in the south-east of the island. Those happy folk paying nearly £600 per day per person for a roof garden suite or about £700 per day for a villa will have the benefit of a 50,000 gallon tank - or was it 500,000? haps, considering that it comes - guaranteeing fresh water come whatever pestilence to the remainder of Antigua.

Created as a sister concern to his St James's Club in London by Peter de Savary, of Britain's most recent tilt at the America's Cup, the project boasts among its honorary committee such luminaries of the jet set as Viscountess Rothermere, and Michael Caine. They are the tip of a veritable Gatsby's guest list, for this 100-acre site is intended to be nothing less than the Caribbean headquarters of the nternational haut monde.

A 30-berth jetty with fresh water and television ready to be plugged in; a dozen quarter-horses from Texas stabled across the bay; Kawasaki jet-ski devices lined up by the lagoon; a gulping machine for eliminat-ing seaweed in the bay, the masterpleces of Armani and Versace in the boutique; acolytes of Leonard in the hairdressing salon; beach waiters attending to guests with Yamaha electric golf carts; waitresses in St James's Club polo shirts custom made by Lacoste - the £10.5m spent on refurbishing the place will be, as they say in

It will be a world to make pop record producers, arms dealers and minor royalty feel com-pletely at home from the moment they step into what the managing director calls "the relaxed check-in situation"; a world to which the guide is written not by Patrick Leigh Fermor but by Jackie Collins.

If he felt it would provide a they lay, tethered on the more spectacular sunset situ-grassless common lands; even ation, no doubt Mr Pfaller now, the survivors showed only would be making plans to the slightest suggestion of fat dynamite the range of low hills the slightest suggestion of fat dynamite the range of low hills around their ribs. Future in- to the west of the property. As things stood, he planned to whether by the building of upstage the elements at the expensive desalination plants or opening party through the talents of the firework specialist of ferrying the precious stuff by who illuminated Mr de Savary's barge from more fortunate well publicized party for Prince neighbours, remained the pre- Andrew at Newport Beach during the America's Cup.

At the special open-air party they kindly arranged for us, with a delightful local steel band in attendance. I discovered the St James's Club's most serious deficiency: its rum punch is a lot more Frank Bruno than Muhammad Ali, which is to say that it does not punch its weight. Hardly surprising, per-





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Hawksbill Beach Hotel is weaker still. Somehow, though, it matters not at all. Swing gateway and you enter an

submerge the white two-storey main building and dispersed bungalows tucked into the curve of a fine-grained golden beach below a grassy promon-

and across the sea to the vague bumps of Montserrat from the bar the solitary drinker can easily ignore the deficiencies of the rum punch as the crickets and tree-frogs pick up their dense antiphony and the evening sky silently explodes into strictions of lemon, violet, indigo and crushed strawberry, the shades refracted into psychedelic brilliance through a residual haze from the procession around the grounds with a device belching paraffinbased smoke, lethal to mosquitos and sand-flies.

Hawksbill Beach is a terrific place. For all its modern facilities, which include a cellular-surfaced tennis court that is quite genuinely allweather, a swimming pool and a which one may discreetly indulge that yearning for a genuinely all-over tan, it feels modest and unassuming, a calm respite from Americanization one finds elsewhere. Something about it clearly reminds the visitor that Antigua was British,

The large rooms, each with a balcony or verandah, renounce glazing in favour of adjustable wooden louvres and fine mosquito grilles. (I saw no sign of the dreaded insect). The louvres permit cool zephyrs to wash away staleness and duli care - although it can be a bit of a shock on your first evening when the paraffin-smoke machine passes by, with a noise like a low-flying light aeroplane, and the smoke rolls through the

At dawn the frogs and crickets are supplanted by a more contrasting dialogue between the gentle cuacoo-coo-

environment conforming in almost every respect to the stereotype of a Caribbean Guava, mango, frangipani, vucca, avocado, wattle and West Indian olive almost

Looking down on the beach

flock around the breakfast table, their angry eyes seeking out the dropped morsel or the unattended sugar bowl. Out by Hawksbill's reef, 100 yards or so from the shore, snorkellers and scuba-divers can examine the many species of tropical fish grazing around the coral – or so they say. I found marine life somewhat closer at hand when flapping around in the shallows; a trio of

applied by a reticent Japanese calligrapher. came -nibbling around my ankles and refused

> "Cobblers" the bartender said when I asked him for their name. "If you have a small cut", he added, "they smell the blood". He warned that they

High-level view: Looking down at the yachts moored in the peaceful waters of English Harbour impatient screech of grackles, the small black birds which foreign body reaches their soldiers heading from Guade-nostrils. To its great credit and loupe with intent to take the island's famous contemporary cricketing sons Vivian Richards and Anderson

island, but the schoolchildren in around in the shallows, a trio of silver fish, about five inches lescent boys in their Nike T-long, with black button eyes and the socks and the grandmother on her way to church carrying prayer-book and tambourine would not have

you know it. The island itself is by no means generally prepossessing. There is little scende grandeur such as that which dises to overwhelm the meaner aspects . than defy their context.

throughout the 18th century. Start at Fort Shirley, high on the hill overlooking English Har-bour, Ruins of gun platforms, could not be caught; and he was the powder magazine, the right, for they were too sharp for canteen and the officers' quar-ail the clumsy grabs encouraged ters can be seen, as can a by their cheek. Nudging and dilapidated cemetery: tens of butting the ankles, they fol thousands died from Black lowed human flesh right to the Voint (yellow fever), or from shoreline and then waited for it the bleading purgation and to return, practically fying on tieses of sartar emetic with the sand in the last few inches of which it was treated. I obtain

vater.

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In some parts of the Carib- from which in 1803 sentries. bean, the local people are as warned HMS Emerald in time persistently importunate as the to repel no fewer than 13

benefit, Antigua is not like that harbour, the two-storey ordat all. Unusually handsome of nance building has been refeature and proud of carriage, to stored and converted by Russell such a degree that one is Hodge into a delightful resconstantly reminded of the taurant, its menu featuring a state of the constantly reminded of the taurant its menu featuring a state of the constantly reminded of the taurant its menu featuring a state of the constantly reminded of the taurant its menu featuring a state of the constantly reminded of the c refreshing light lobster soup, Vivian fish with a hot sauce that might have provided the answer to "" Roberts, Antiguans display not yellow fever, and not least a hint of post-colonial ani-what Hodge calls "escargots de mosity. This is not a prosperous mer" – whelks in garlic butter. From lunch at Lookout

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Point; wind down the hill to Nelson's Dockyard, now enjoying the status of a national park where much good work is being ings and to turn a delightful location into a self-supporting craft centre among its first out, alongside its conventional loaves, facsimiles of the hard-tack biscuits essential to the of Jamaica: the pot-holed roads: survival of the British Navy two and the Third World breeze centuries ago. The purchaser block mode of the island's has the option of keeping it as a architecture seem to echo rath r souvenir in its presentation packaging, or of moistening it until edible and, gazing over the An exception, and the best until edible and, gazing over the place to hear colonial echoes, is harbour, imagining in its taste Shirley Heights one of Britain's the life of a jolly Jack Tar.

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Hovering around

Hoverspeed, the cross-Channel hoverspeed, the closs-channer hovercraft operator, is launching a separate motoring holiday guide for the first time. The guide runs from March to October 1985 and lists a range of holidays from go-as-youplease touring to stayput hotel accommodation in resorts. accommodation in resorts. Hoverspeed is also introducing gite self-catering holidays in simply-furnished converted cottages in the Loire Valley region and in the Burgundy area around Macon. Mobile-home holidays at Parc Oasis on the Guiff of St. Troppez are also Gulf of St Tropez are also available for the first time. Hoverspeed says it will operate up to 25 crossings a day from Dover to Calais and Boulogne

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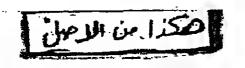
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Stand by for the counter revolution

Sir Terence Conran - the man who made Habitat a habit – feels the pulse of the

High Street and suggests a remedy: better design,

better quality, better sales

Design, the buzzword of 1983. has been the action word of 1984. Last year Mrs. Thatcher exhorted retailers, manufacturers, public authorities, and the City to look to good design as the solution to many of the commercial, industrial and social ilis of this country. And it wasn't just lip service. The Government put up £20m spread over five years to get things started - and this has encouraged those who are in a position to do so to invest heavily in this newly

recognized resource. As a result a metamorphosis is taking place. Designers are rapidly losing the mage of arty aesthetes who would never darken a factory door, and are emerging as vital components of the bosiness scene.

The design colleges are responding at last, producing graduates who have been trained to understand the needs and constraints of industry and commerce, who can design products which look as good and work as well as those produced anywhere else in the world, and who can interpret fashion and mood. Designers of this calibre deserve and need to reach the highest level of responsibility within their

Retailers are at the forefront of those seeking to benefit from the additional value design can bring to their businesses. One of the reasons is that they have direct contact with the consumer and know at first hand just how demanding, fickle and sophisticated their customers have become.

The public, educated by travel, the media, and a growing band of retailers who recognize that well designed, good looking products will sell better, have a new-found iaste for excellence, and will now settle for nothing less.

Retailing is one of the most competitive industries in Britain today, and this bas resulted in a very active, innovative and exciting scene as businesses vie with each other to gain the edge. Design is a means of providing this edge - particularly in the hands of the larger retailers.

Products designed and manufactured exclusively for the retailer cannot be sold at a cheaper price anywhere else, own brands can be developed, special store design can exactly fit the needs of the customer and the style of the products, the corporate image can be strengthened and sharpened through distinctive graphics and packaging.
All this adds up to a shop with its own

itself to its own customers. Design is now a multi-layered discipline which should be built into all the marketing and promotional strategies of a business right from their meeption. The retailer who brings in a designer to do a quick facelift job on a tired product or

particular personality which will endear

oncept is wasting his money.

There are other factors too which have spurred the retail sector into handing out some of the largest design contracts this year. The recognition of shopping as a leisure time activity rivalling holidays attroad, sport, television and eating out, in popularity has caused an enormous upheaval in the retail trade. The public have made it plain that they look to retailers to make shopping pleasurable.

Retailers are now strenuously considering how they are going to meet this expectation, and many new measures are in the pipeline which will revolutionize shopping habits in this country -liberalized shop hours and Sunday trading are among those in the headlines lately.

Following on from this, the design of store interiors, shopping precincts and mails, both new and old, is receiving a great deal of attention from retailers and property owners who already know that a asing ambience can have a remarkably beneficial effect on sales.

A recent example of this in our own

group, has been the performance of those Richard Shops stores that have been completely revamped. Sales in these stores have far exceeded those where there has been no new design input, even though they are all selling the same merchandise.

The out-of-town superstore complex is another phenomenon which is likely to become more popular with the liberalization of shopping hours. Served by excellent communications these sites will offer a chance for designers to create an environ-ment where it will be a pleasure to shop and work.

The development of such complexes is obviously a major undertaking and large multiple retailers are finding it beneficial to work together to attract customers from considerable distances for a pleasant day out, British Home Stores and Sainsbury's have already formed such a partnership,

and Marks & Spencer and Tesco have recently announced their intention of working together.

All this can be bad news for the small retailer who does not have the resources or volumes to achieve exclusivity or a price advantage over the large multiples. His future must lie in the quality end of the market, supplying a very high level of service to the customer, or in specialized areas of merchandise, or both. In these shops the quality and devotion to design will really have to reign supreme, and the liveliest new ideas must constantly be put before the public to provide an irresistible temptation.

To use design effectively in retailing it is essential that the retailer knows the profile of the person to whom he is selling. This is particularly important in the fashion industry, as has been demonstrated by the continued success of the Next chain this year where the design of the clothes, stores and advertising are very specifically targeted to attract 25 to 40-year-old women. By comparison, Marks & Spencer, which have introduced some excellent ranges for the same target group, have turned in relatively disappointing results - the customer cannot spot the fashion potential in garments dully displayed on racks lost in a sea of other clothes designed to appeal to everybody.

Manufacturing industry must follow the dictates of the retailers. And so it is, but in many cases it is rather like watching a dinosaur follow a hare. Retailers are still too often having to look abroad for sources of merchandise which with a bit of ingenuity and entrepreneurship could easily be produced in this country. If manufacturerers can succeed in fulfilling the needs of the informed and discerning consumer in this country he will doubtless have a product which will be equally successful abroad.

But let me make one thing quite clear: while retailers will lead, manufacturers must also expect to contribute with design and innovation - they must never allow themselves to take the easy route of just being told what to do.

This new found regard for design has its

pitfalls - the danger that we will expect it to be a panacea for all ills, that it will somehow compensate for weak management and unsound financial administration. Or that having made an investment in design i does not need to be sustained the market place is continually evolving and competitors are always snapping at each other's



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Natural habitat: Sir Terence Conran in the living room of his home at Eaton Place in London

EATING OUT

Rendezvous with a midnight feast

II uh Christmas almost upon us. New Year's Eve now beckons to those with the stamina for unther festivities. Here we list a variety of possibilities for the last hash of the year

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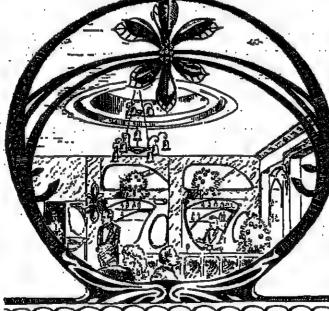
New Year's Eve is supposedly the time for resolutions about changing or improving one's life. Anyone who is about to resolve to save money and to cat less would therefore be well-advised to head for the Grosvenor House's luxury res-taurant Ninety Park Lane. As a last indulgence before an era of austerity, the restaurant's New Year's Eve dinner would seem hard to beat.

A nine-course meal is offered, with dancing - if anyone can manage it - for £110 a head. Overnight accommodation for those not "Staying low" is available at £60 per double room. The menu for this extravaganza includes fresh truffle salad, scrambled eggs with oysters, seafood scallops in herb sauce, saddle of venison with blueberries and cinnamon pears and capon breast in truffle uice - this is before the cheeses and desserts. The evening begins with a champagne

reception.

On a slightly more modest scale, the hotel's bright and modern all-day cafe-restaurant The Pavilion is offering a New Year's Eve dinner with a Caribbean flavour, complete with steel band, for £45. The menu includes half a bottle of vine, rum punches and three buffet-style courses of suckling pig, chicken okra casserole and prawns in ginger and coconut sauce. For those who limbo on to the next morning, a New Year's Day brunch is offered from 10am at £18 per very sore

Back in the luxury-class, the London Hilton's Roof Res-taurant offers a spectacular £115 Gala Evening to match its speciacular view over celebrating London. A seven-course dinner-dance includes fillet of one should expect too much



sea-bass marinated in Chablis, lobster and oysters with caviare, fillet of veal en croûte and petits fours. If you hear music and laughter coming up from below, it will almost certainly be The Variety Club Ball, complete with cabaret, taking place in the hallroom.

Another "money-no-object" evening can be enjoyed at the elegant Maxim's de Paris restaurant just off Leicester Square. £100 will buy you a champagne reception, a seven course dinner and dancing till 3am to an 11-piece orchestra, with the added French touch of a cancan cabaret. The evening is black tie as well as black

Stockings and suspenders will also be a prime feature of the evenings at the two School Dinners restaurants which will no doubt look back on 1984 as the year they received royal patronage in the shape of Prince Andrew. With the gymslip waitresses providing the distraction and unlimited drinks

from the dinner - avocado with prawns, melon cocktail, entrecote steak, breast of chicken with yoghurt dip and apple pie with cream shouldn't really account for the £50 a head charge. Given the circumstances, perhaps that should

For a slightly more edifying

spectacle, and at a reasonable price too, the eye-catching and spacious restaurant at One Hampstead Lane is worth consideration. For £29.95, they are offering a five-course dinner with coffee and champagne. complemented by live jazz and dancing. The well-balanced menu embraces game consomme, poached monkfish with a champagne and lobster sauce, mignons of lamb, beef and veal in a truffle and madeira sauce and a meringue with caramel.

I would imagine that Italian restaurants create a lively atmosphere on New Year's Eve when most of them can make an average Monday exciting. A recent arrival on the scene Quadrifoglio, tucked away in its own stylish courtyard off

Charing Cross Road, probably deserves attention, not least because of its parentage - the well-thought of Il Passetto in Shaftesbury Avenue.

Quadrifoglio is extremely smart-looking, with art deco touches, a small stage for its resident trio and a dance area On December 31, they will be offering a five-course meal for £29.50, exclusive of a 15 per cent service charge. The menu, unusually for a New Year's Eve special, offers choices at most of the stages, ranging from crab cocktail or melon with port, to scampi in white wine, garlic and brandy sauce or fillet steak with pate and madeira sauce.

Finally, a mention for an-other stylish venue, the recently opened Princess Garden in North Audiey Street. This sumptuously decorated Peking style restaurant has a number of large, circular tables capable of accommodating parties of up to 12 The menu, created by three imported chefs from Hong Kong, offers a wide range of excellent dishes, with their own hand-made noodles, the crispy aromatic duck, and the stuffed pork dumplings being particu-larly good. At the time of writing the restaurant did not yet know whether it would be offering a special dinner or entertainment on December 31 - but then it's not their New

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Ninety Park Lane and The n, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 (499 6363). Roof Restaurant, London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1 (493 8000,

Maxim's de Paris, 32 Panton Street, London SW1 (839 3051). School Dinners, 34 Baker Street, London W1 (486 2724) and at Barnard's inn, Holborn, London EC1 (242 9572). One Hampstead Lane, 1

Hampstead Lane, London N6 (340

Quadrifoglio, 127 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (437 8595). Princess Garden, 8-10 Northern Audley Street, London W1 (493

Singled out as ports of distinction

Port nomenclature is confusing, with "crusted this" and "late-bottled that" sold alongside those more familiar bottles of ruby, tawny and vintage port. Thankfully, all one needs to know is that apart from vintage ports, the only wines likely to show any vintage character are the ports from a single quinta (estate). So don't expect that Christmas cut-price bottle of "Vintage Character" port to remind you of Graham '63 or Taylor '55 because it won't

Vintage ports are a blend of But some single quinta ports may well remind you of the real

Taylor's distinctive Quinta de Vargellas, for instance, has a particularly powerful bouquet reminiscent of violets and I pick up the same violet character in their vintage ports, which contain a proportion of Vargellas wines in their blend.

Graham's Malvedos is another good example. I find their wines have a strong lea-rose scent and their vintage ports often have a touch of tea-rose on the bouquet. In recent years the distinction

between what does and what does not constitute a single quinta port has become blurred. and this will probably only get sorted out when Portugal enters the EEC. In the meantime the rule

appears to be that single quinta ports are only produced in good rather than great years and therefore mature faster and cost less than vintage ports. I have not yet come across a port house that has declared vintage port and a single quinta port in the same year. There are thousands of

quintas scattered throughout the port wine region's steep terraced hillsides that follow the mighty Douro for 70 miles as it flows down from the Spanish horder towards Oporto and the Atlantic coast. What always surprises me when comparing one quinta's wine with another are the extreme differences in style between them and therere how complex the art of port

Those hot low-lying quintas clustered round Pinhão, for instance, tend to make big, beefy almost burnt wines while the cooler quintas higher up the Douro often make wines with a stalky green flavour and there is every shade of flavour in

blending must be.



altogether convinced but both

Crost's and Roeda's wines

always seem to have a soft,

flowery charm - so try the

Roeda '80 (Justerini & Brooks,

61 St James's Street, London

SW1, £11; Corney & Barrow, 12

Helmet Row, London EC1,

Delaforce have only recently

introduced Da Corte, a single

quinta wine from the Rio Torto,

a southerly tributary of the Douro, and this hot estate

produces robust, spicy full-

between. The properties vary dramatically in style, from Croft's cool colonial verandahs at Roeda to Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos which was never much more than a grapefruit grove and a farm. The most imposing property of all is Ferreira's Quinta do Vesuvio.

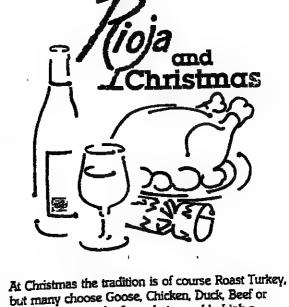
High above the Douro at Pinhão is the pretty Quinta da Eira Velha, owned by the seafaring Newman family and now managed by Cockburn's. As a single quinta wine Eira Velha is softer than most and therefore usually ready for drinking after about eight to ten years, unlike most single quinta wines which need about thirteen years in the cellar before they show at their best, while the sturdiest single quinta wines need anywhere between 13 and

18 years maturation. Eira Velha's soft, fragrant and fruity '82 with a touch of blackberries on the finish is a perfect example of this quinta's style and will cost £8.91 when it shipped after Christmas. (John Harvey & Sons, 27 Pall Mall, London SW1 and 12 Denmark Street, Bristol.)

Not far away from Eira Velha is Croft's Quinta da Roeda; its low-lying vineyards are an impressive sight and probably account for its nickname of the "diamond of the Douro" Roeda's wines are supposed to be redolent of the sweet, sticky

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bodied wines typified by their

'80 vintage. (Corney & Barrow, £9.20.) Not dissimilar in style is

the '68 Fonseca Guimaraens whose big, beefy burnt Douro

tang reminds me strongly of

Fonseca's vintage ports. (Oddbins, £8.79; Russell &

McIver, The Rectory, St Mary

The two most famous single

- are Graham's Malvedos

quinta names - and deservedly

and Taylor's Vargellas. Malve-dos's superb '68 vintage, with its wonderful spicy tea-rose bou-quet and taste, is, I think, one of

the best Malvedos vintages ever

and a real bargain priced at

£8.95 from Sainsbury's or £10 from Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver

Street, Colchester, Essex. Vargellas '72 is another wonderful

wine from a quinta set in wild

scrub-like terrain even higher

up the Douro whose deep

purple colour and seductive

velvety-violet character will be

perfection in a year or so's time. (Bottoms Up £7.60, Gough Bros £9.99.)

Single quinta ports spend only two years in cask before being bottled and will therefore throw a heavy sediment whilst maturing in bottle.

Last minute Christmas wine buyers will be glad to know that on

Christmas Eve La Vigneronne at 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 will stay open until 11pm and Bibendum at 113 Regent's Park

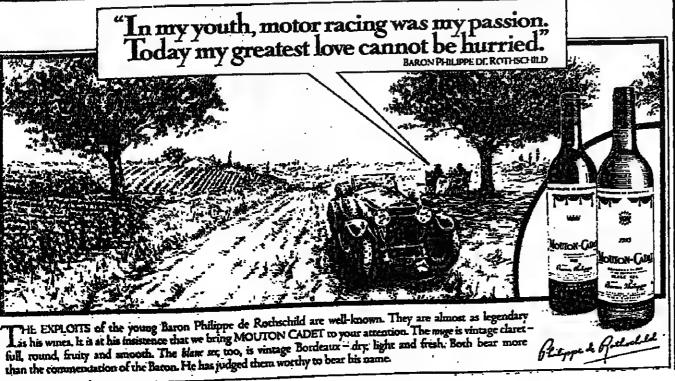
Road, London NW1 until 8pm.

So make sure you decant single

quinta ports carefully before

Jane MacQuitty

or further information please contact The Roga Wine Information Centre, thos de España, 23 Manchester Square, London W1. Tel: 01-935 6140



Cool heads and warm hearts

Today several of my friends can be found preparing themselves for a siege that will start on Monday and end on January 2. or thereabouts. These are my "don't you hate Christmas" friends who wall themselves up in their own houses (leaving a recorded message on the answering machine to say they are away) and studiously refuse to answer the doorbell, sneaking out for a walk or to replenish stores at dawn or after dusk.

Over the years my disen-chantment with the commercial Christmas has grown and I have been heard to swear "never again" as the turkey and l stagger to the table where 14 guests sit glowing with expectation. But deep down I remain as fond of the idea as I ever was. Looking back over the Christ-

mases I have known, the best parties have been largely spontaneous affairs for which we were nevertheless subcons-ciously prepared. (I am not including the smart parties to which one invites everyone to come and drink as much booze as possible in a short space of time, nor the kind where half are strangers, acquaintances or one feels a sense of obligation. Such parties take care of themselves and need no description.)

But what is it that makes a house party successful? Here are a few tips: they won't guarantee success but they might help to avoid disaster.

Don't plan a party at a time when you are likely to be exhausted or hung over. It is hard to play plausible host if every noise louder than a whisper makes you wince. Don't ask more people than you have chairs for (unless the majority are children, when the floor will suffice). Don't have the kind of food that will be ruined if guests are late - which, if entire families are involved, they invariably are.

Don't serve the kind of dishes that will at the involuntary flick of a wrist ruin vour carpet. uphoistery or clothes. It may be monotonous to repeat the advice of the best chefs - but for

CHRISTMAS PAST, CHRISTMAS PRESENT: A quiz. exhibition and (from Jan 2) a series of talks are the National Gallery's events for children this first Father Christmas, the angels, the Christmas pudding and so on available free of charge from today until Jan 7. The exhibition, centred round Gossaert's "Adoration of the Kings" is in the special exhibition

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839 3321). From today Mon-Sat 10am-6om, Sun 2-6pm (closed Dec 24-Dec 26). Admission free.



a family party, keep it simple should be a constant motto. Now for some more positive advice on how to make the party go smoothly.

Before: Check that you really do have enough food and drink including soft drinks - to offer everyone, remembering that greed is a factor at Christmas. One grandmother I know, a bath or fiddle with your bair famous for her smooth organization, suggests that you make (or buy) at least three times as many sausage rolls and mince pies as you think you will need and double the amount of fresh fruit on your shopping list:
"You don't need fancy foods—
just quantity and quality". Her husband volunteers: "And buy the side one room in which there is a spare bed for anyone—
and the state of the same of the state of the same of the sa twice as much port and whisky as you have planned for. I don't the party is too much for them know why, but these are the two and needs to creep away for a drinks that seem to be the spell. Also for tiny children with most popular at Christmas, no set bed-times.

THE TEN-DAY WONDER: Children's festival with playshops for those aged between six and ten who want to learn more about magic, (there is a crecine for very small children) with afternoon performances by David Wood with his Magic and Music Show. On Dec 30 and 31, Fleg Bolton will hold discuss workshops in the morning. circus workshops in the morning, and select half a dozen young participants to appear with him in his Suitcase Circus.

Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191). Thurs-Jan 5, play/workshops at 11am (free), afternoon performances at 2.30pm. Adult £1, child 50p, please book. matter what people's normal preferences' Buy plenty of soda - not for spillages - and two bottles of Alka Seltzer and one of Paracetamol for parents who are suffering from the cumulative effects of office parties.

Set aside enough time to have or make-up before the first ring at the door bell once the first guests have arrived, it will be too late. Wear comfortable clothes and not the ones with adult or child - who finds that

Outings

A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA: Adapted for the Unicom Theatre for Children by Shaun Prendergast, Ursula le Guin's fantasy adventure tells the story of Sparrowhawk, a young goatherd who has powers as magical as Medin, who fights dragons and danger before becoming the benevolent wizard he is destined to be. For 7-year-olds and over. The Unicom also runs workshops and other activities for children during the holidays. Unicom Theatre for Children, Great Newport Street, London WC2 (838

During: Have a number games at your disposal. Don't leave this until the last minute the whisky or brandy, but for and be sure that at least one adult knows how they are played. (Trying to remember the rules of "Give us a Chue" or "Botnicelli" can cause havoc.) Try to have a few old favourites it everyone can play.

> These include Charades and variations on the Memory Game (a tray with 20 items to be studied for 30 seconds then remembered and noted down).

"The Stool of Repentance" was always in our repertoire until the master of the house, whose turn it was, slipped a disc trying to get out of it and lay flat on his back throughout the entire Christmas boliday. However, it is worth repeating the rules: everyone sits in a circle and one sits in the middle. The Prosecutor asks the

3334), Today, tomorrow, Fri, Dec 29, 30 and early Jan, 2.30pm, tickets £2,40-£3.90, plus 10p for non-members.

CHRISTMAS AT THE NATIONAL: Michael Bogdanov's adaptation of Coleridge's Ancient Mariner is a Coleridge's Ancient Mariner's a spellbholing performance created especially for children aged between 6 and 12. For older members of the family there is The Nativity, a medieval mystery play (see page 10). In addition there are free foyer performances at the theatre - Paul Hansard's Puppets, today at 5.30pm and an excellent traditional Punch and Judy show on Thurs at 4 and 6om. In the Lyttelion

assembled company of what the "prisoner" - he or she in the middle - stands accused and each person whispers in his or her ear. The Prosecutor writes all accusations down and the prisoner has to guess the identity of the person who has made the accusation. If he guesses incorrectly, he pays a forfeit. This is a winner because everyone wants a legitimate reason to be nasty in the season

of goodwill.
Other games include Murder,
Shadow Buff, Blind Man's Buff, Sardines - and of course card games such as Sevens, Vingt-et-Un, and Happy Families.

One of the best Christmas parties I ever attended offered only food, drink, a television (could be video) room, a children's room and a gaming room in which guests could either play darts or roulette. The oldest guest was 75, the youngest two and everyone

njoyed themselves immensely, This may have been because the guests all had options - to participate or not, to compete or not, to snooze or shout as the spirit took them. The host and hostess had also organized taxis to take those who were not staying the night to their spective homes - a luxurious but very welcome postscript to

After: Pat yourself on the back because you have given one of the most rewarding Christmas presents: allowed those of whom you are genuinely fond to do nothing but enjoy themselves for a few hours. Make a note in your diary that next year it's their turn - knowing that such reciprocity may not be forth-coming and it is better to give

than to receive. If you feel at all inadequate about holding a party, don't. If it's back-up you need, there are a number of books in the shops to help you among which Partles for Children (Unwin Paperbacks, £2.95) and How to survive your children's party (Adam and Charles Black, £4.95) are two of the best.

Judy Froshaug

at 6pm on Fri, a rare opportunity for children to listen to Roald Dahi reading new and as yet unpublished stories, Also on Fri (and Dec 31) at 11.30am, Jactito Puppets will show 7 to 11-year-olds how to make their own and let them take part in performances. Children are ssked to bring their own materials and scissors and to book, though the workshops are free. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2252 or 633 0880). Ancient Mariner Thurs, Fri, Dec 29 at 11.30am, 2 and 7.15pm. Under-18s, all performances E3; adults £5 matinées, £4.50-£7.50

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and hymns was and produced and called, I think. Christmas abiding... England. It sold like hot cakes in the United States and Canada.

not only among expatriate Brits but among thousands of North Americans who dream of spending the festive season in a tiny, picturesque English village, with snow on the ground, robins perched on holly trees. and the choir singing in a medieval church

Quite why so many of us; pace Dickens, still associate Christmas with the countryside is unclear. For some, but surely only a few, it may be to do with childhood memories. For the rest it is perhaps the instinctive knowledge that the celebrations have their origins in our remote rural past.

Christmas, despite its great religious and historical significance, is mixed up with all sorts of decidedly non-Christian traditions. The midwinter feast and the respinse of gifts and the exchange of gifts probably go back much further than the birth of the child in

the manger. Evergreens were evidently cherished because they thrived in the dead months, when everywhere else the leaves withered and the flowers vanished. Holly and mistletoe were brought in to decorate homes and to cheer people up.

The Christmas tree is a relative newcomer. In medieval mystery plays a brightly decor-ated spruce, pine or fir was used to represent the Garden of Eden. The Germans and the

Nostalgia in the fields

Scandinavians later used it toenliven the winter solstice and by implication to celebrate Christmas itself, a custom which delighted even the austere Martin Luther.

It was not until the last century that Prince Albert made the tree popular in Britain. He fostered an industry with an annual turnover today approaching £20m.



It is the time of year when the thoughts of news editars turn to Christmas trees and turkeys.
Recently BBC's → Breakfast Tele-

vision had a rather alarming bit. about the security precautions thought necessary on the Yattendon estate in Berkshire, the largest in Europe, to deter tree thieves. What with searchlights, guard dogs and chaps racing around in Land-Rovers, it all looked most unseasonable. I find it hard to believe that

stealing trees can be either practicable or profitable, but phylousty some people think it is. What most concerns Major General Tony Richardson, a genial fellow who runs the British Christmas Tree Growers Association from a house in Wimbledon, is that we should not be seduced into buying something from Belgium or Denmark, which has spent a

week or more on the back of a lorry; when the home grown product is so much fresher. Or so

His association has produced a label identifying a British tree, but I have yet to see it displayed in any of my local shops or, as the case may be, on the pavement outside Today I will go down and hand over a tenner or so for whatever looks the best available, and so, I suspect, if you have not already done so, will most of you.



as well as having to milk their cows, dairy farmers will scarecely be in the most convivial mood while they still have the shadow of uncertainty over quotas hanging over them. But grain growers will be able

to take things more easily, since there is little to do at this time of year apart from maintenance, and the fields are probably too wet to take machines.

A few big employers may already be on their way to the West Indies or the ski slopes. Their workers can expect to enjoy anything up to a month's rest, it being common practice to bargain two winter weeks for every one foregone in summer. To them, and to their detractors, it remains to wish a happy Christmas and perhaps a more tolerant and forgiving New Year

John Young

With only two shopping days left before Christmas, time is running out fast for those who are still agonizing over what presents to buy. But a quick sorue to a bookshop may well save you the sname and embarrassment of baving nothing to declare on Tuesday

There are several new titles which are guaranteed to lift the spirits and the game of any chess player. If your luck is out and they aren't on the shelves; why not make a note of them and get someone's new year off to an absorbing start?

One which is eminently suitable for young and inexperienced players, albeit fairty expensive, is Batsford Chess Openings by Gary Kasparov and Ray Keene (Batsford, £18.95) which attempts to analyse and explain the nature of the openings.

Ray Keene is also co-author

Presenting the game of the century

(Batsford, £5.95). Two more. well worth considering are The Batsford Book of Chess by Bob Wade (£4.95) and Grandmaster Performance by L. Polu-

gayevsky (Pergamon, £11.50 hardback, £6.95 paperback).
My own choice, however, would be 100 Classics of the Chessboard by A. S. M. Dickins and H. Ebert (Pergamon, £9.50 hardback, £5.50 paperback). From it I quote the game Bobby Fischer won against Donald Byrne in the US Open cham-

This beautiful piece of chess is rightly known as "the game of the century" and makes one all the more sad that such a magnificent player as Fischer should have withdrawn form (this time with David Good-magnificent player as Fischerman) of USSR v the Rest of should have withdrawn form the World - Challenge Match active international play. It is

pionship in 1956.

given in algebraic notation in the book so I have reproduced that instead of using the descriptive, which is the style normally used in The Times. White: Donald Byrne, Black: Bobby Fischer, Q.P. Grunfeld Defence.



Fischer now played a positional sacrifice of the Queen, 17 ... Be6 which is quite correct



Harry Golombek

Dazzling play, but the game is over

"Is it true, as you imply", a correspondent inquires, "that most bridge brilliancies are conceived in the post mortem?" Few diamonds are both flawless and top colour, I concede, but even if the point only emerges later, it can still be instructive for a future occasion.

Here is a hand that Robert Sheehan played in the World Olympiad in Scattle. Teams, Game all. Dealer West.

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(1) A feature of the strong pass system, showing 0-10 points regardless of distribution (2) Sheekar-Rose had arranged to play that an overcall of these numbers had smouth or should be reated as an opening bid, so that in effect the sequence has started Mo Bid, 15.
(3) Proxisting A or K to six mumps (hearts). Promising A or K to sh trumps (hearts).

That was a good sequence, to

lead to a fair grand slam. "If only my play had matched the bidding". Sheekan tamented. "Obviously if the VQ drops in two rounds there are 13 top tricks. But watch what happens if I resist the temptation to find out my fate at once. I discard a club from a dummy at trick one, and after winning the OA. follow with five rounds of clubs. When they break, I can spare two hearts and a spade from

dummy, "This is the seven card ending: * AKJ K1097

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"After I cash the AK, as it appens West is squeezed. Even if he were not, I have obtained enough vital clues to tell me how to play the critical suit. hearts." From Sheehans's searching

analysis to a Martin Hoffman fairy-tale. At first blush this Peter Pan adventure certainly scems credible. Teams. East-West game. Dealer

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West led the VJ which declarer ducked. East overtook with the VQ and returned the VQ. Declarer won and forced out West's ΦA , by playing the ΦJ . West cashed the VK. East throwing a club in the hope of obtaining a club ruff.
When West persevered with

another diamond, declarer ruf-fed with the \$9, while East parted with his last club. These early exchanges left this ending. which, because of the revealing bidding. South could visualise

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AK5 Declarer needs seven of the last eight tricks for his contract. He plays the \$10 to dummy's

◆Q and overtakes the ◆8 with his OK before putting East on play with the \$6.
This gambit of losing an unnecessary trump trick pro-

duces an immediate dividend. East is forced to return a heart into dummy's tenace, and the second heart squeezes West in the minors +420 to the Never Never Land. •

It was not until some days later I saw that a more pedestrian line would suffice. Ruff the diamond at trick five, draw trumps, and duck a heart to East. This exchanges a heart loser for the trump loser in Hoffman's line of play, but

still squeezes West a trick later. The objection to the dazzling trump unblock is that if East keeps his clubs he will have an exit card, and declarer cannot remove East's clubs without destroying the entry for the

A pity. It was a convincing illusion, but Hoffman against Paul Daniels could make a good

Jeremy Flint

The Times **Jumbo Crossword**

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on dressed to The Times Jumbo et, London, WC99 9YT. The on Saturday, January 12, 1985.

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| ACE | ROSS | DOW |
| 1 | Hang-ups at the present time (9,9). | I |
| 10 | Tom's point of view (4-4). | |
| 16 | Such a strain when taught by ear. but entails no trouble (9). | 2 |
| 17 | Girl with high-class sex-appeal meets worker, one with a regular income (9). | 3 |
| 18 | Dish of paté some won't err in eating (7). | 4 |
| 19 | He'll help in reforming Orient, being pro- Greek (11). | 4 5 6 |

Perform as a legislator (5). Bit of writing shows Brazilian state by symbolic diagram (9).
Country includes inter alia nearly half of Germany (7). Indian hunter from HQ of some hillside

Kashmiri riflemen (7). It's said to let one's opponents in (11). Wondered how to adjust level in many a Could be colder to north, if free from rationing (9). Country in return replaces Scarface in 22 Connexion between King Cole and his

Fine semi-American binder (10).
Backward region boy with lots of fizz (7).
Such an aid to entertainment The Jazz
Singer supplied (5-6). Through song about unnamed Hamelin menace, a chap who's unwelcome (7,3.5).

My opiate to some extent, with distance lends obscurity to the view (4-11). Equipment for those intent, say, on prevention of rising damp (11). With long thin legs, agent accepts difficult

Superficial knowledge of point of some Brook's talk about editor making splash Nippers look nice moving in pairs (7).

Blue India broadcast making no im-pression on listeners (9). Lady customer one's seen in different parts Sufferers from this complaint have to take

something (II). Movements lack household god's leadership in these quarters (7).
Nine inches, about, the Spanish hobble (7).

Dock-worker Donoghue meets French Chits for money seen in the bar (5).
Wireless version of Chopin – such modernstyle music! (11).

Friendly enquiry about my competence (7). Dutch crocks in turn ran away from turbulent water (9). Can possibly be central, as officiating priest

The less natural voice of the true love of

Feste's mistress? (8). Waver during rocket and bomb attacks in

Name

Topsy calm, but agitated it appears in the cell (9). many races are won - in Small fragments there in appearance on board (11). Character indisposed by a type of hemp (7).

Pirate team shows some beef (10).

Decorated by mason, is bound to possess a fast car (9). Lawyer employed to get you home? (11). One of these is a copy of the product of Pistol's world (9.6). Given, it can mean spoken aloud (7). Join volunteer force in harbour (9).

Pair improperly taking silver and uranium in a canoe (7). Banking system's turnover on foreign friend's manipulation of paper (7). What connects this puzzle with the English home station? (8,3,6). Lacking the characteristics of a clay pit perhaps (8).

Share one dupe rejected in this by disavowal (11).
Eastern ring Peter the Painter grabs with a lascivious look (9). Read sound newspaper - The Harmonium Suppliers of petrol, latest fashion in fuel

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45 Great extent (5,5)
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65 Touch down (4,2.5)

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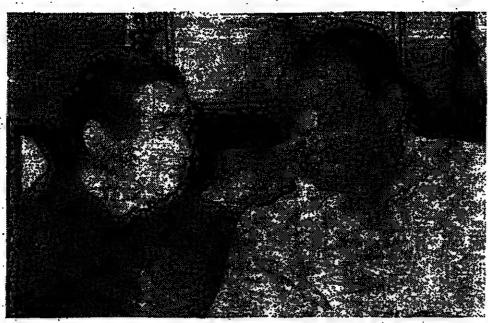
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"Stone me", he is probably saying, "they've got me on video. All that talent in little plastic boxes. Trapped for posterity I am." And the bullfrog face creases into the uneasy grin of someone not quite sure he believes it is happening.

It is a quarter of century since Tony Hancock was in his prime and a generation has grown up to whom he may be no more than a footnote to broadcasting history, like ITMA or Mr Middleton the gardener, Even the original Hancock fans will have had their memories dimmed by the passage of the years and their perception of comedy modified by more recent shows. To bring him back on video may, therefore, be a risk but on the evidence of the first six of 18 Hancock half-hours being issued over the next few months, not a very serious one. You have only to watch a few minutes of, say, The Blood Donor, to realize that Hancock's burnour is indestructible, his appeal unlimited by time or

Hancock, the radio and television character, was an amalgam of Hancock the man and the imagination of two brilliant scriptwriters, Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, It

Pointed remarks from old troupers





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Fingered friends: Tony Hancock with Sid James and a vintage shot of Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise in the days before their Christmas shows be

persona, developed it and gave it its dangerous edge. Behind the comedy there is always the hint of desper-

Galton and Simpson wrote 161 Hancock scripts - radio and television - between 1954 and 1961, an output extraordinary not only for its quantity but also its quality. Looking at these old shows you come back time and again to the words, the rough poetry of lower middle-class genulity. It can almost be said that the dialogue makes the pictures superfluous. "Are you insinuating that I'm portly?" demands Hancock during that price-less contretemps in the BBC lift. The choice of language expresses pre-cisely the attempt to stand on dignity, to rise above the riff-raff. Sid James, Hancock's proletarian foil, would never have said "insinu-

ating" or "portly".

Eric Sykes was an early contributor to The Goon Show but the long running television series which he wrote and starred in was humour of a gentler and less subversive kind. It evoked a suburban middle-class

world of crossword solvers, golfing from time to time by such alien forces as squatters but always regaining its equilibrium.

In a twist on the usual domestic situation, Sykes and Hanie Jacques played brother and sister. Richard Wattis the pompous neighbour, and Deryck Guyler the local bobby. None of the characters was strongly developed but for two decades the series managed to be unhackneyed. quietly amusing and well judged within its limits.

It is sad there will not be any more Morecambe and Wise Christmas shows to give the lads a chance to hoof it up with such unlikely partners as Vanessa Redgrave and Glenda Jackson. Two-thirds of the world might be starving but the prospect of seeing Angela Rippon's legs was enough to keep a whole nation on tenterhooks.

The song and dance routines were angential to the essence and glory of Morecambe and Wise, which was their prowess as cross-talk comics, forever enriching and extending a

well used genre. But it is good to and Vanessa and Angela's high kicks and the likes of Frank Bough and Eddie Waring cavorting about in sailor suits. As it happens, the best items on the tape have nothing to do with guest stars. They are the whitetie-and-tails tap routine in which Eric and Ernie find themselves constantly upstaged and eventually swamped by other dancers; and the

pair making breakfast incongruous strains of The Stripper. Say what you like about Max

Bygraves but he is shrewd enough to 'Makes a change from Boy George", he exclaims to the largely middle-aged and elderly who make up his audience for this amiable trip through the pop songs of the prepunk era. Indeed it does. The cassette is intended "for the many music lovers seeking an alternative entertainment to rock music". Done up in white suit and boater, Max moves effortlessly from Fats Waller to Knees Up Mother Brown with a nod towards the Beatles to prove he is not entirely out of sympathy with modern idioms.

The trouble is that one number is treated exactly like the next, producing a bland purce like supermarket Muzak. Who would guess from Max's rendering that Underneath the Arches was once described, accurately, as "the theme song of the slump"? The enterprise also cries out for a more intimate setting than a cavernous studio and for a closer rapport between performer and audience.

The producers of Singalongamax could have taken a leaf or two out of The Illustrated Victorian Songbook. a selection of popular ballads and music hall songs performed by the Aba Daba company from their pub base near King's Cross station. Here is genuine atmosphere and audience involvement; and performed is the word, for this is no perfunctory unrolling of choruses but songs presented in the round, revealing the full possibilities of their comedy and

The repertoire ranges from Beautiful Dreamer to Home Sweet Home and The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, each given individual treatment by artists of spirit and feeling. It is a pleasure to commend a video made outside the commercial mainstream with a small budget but lots of talent.

Hanging on to the magic of mistletoe

Devil's Fuge, all heal and even bird lime I'm not sure of their derivation as in this counalmost exclusively as mistletoe. It belongs to an unusual family, Loranthaceae. much of the old lore about mistletoe is lost in time, it associated with ancient rites at It is said to have

portant part in the ceremonies classical times it was thought to have both magical and medicinal properties.

It also played an important part in German and Norse mythology – it was from an arrow made from the wood of mistletoe that the god Balder was slain. Celts held it in great veneration as well, especially if it grew on oak. It was said to bring happiness and good fortune so long as the branches from the mistletoe did not touch the ground; perhaps this is why we always hang our mistletoe up.

HIR BOY

The leaves and berries have been used in many potions by herbalists and were reputed to control heart problems, and circulatory and digestive dis-orders. Today the berries are known to have harmful effects. but the amount needed to be taken is so great that there is little likelihood of any serious harm coming to anyone eating

Mistletoe is to be found most frequently on trees which have a soft, spongy bark, such as apple, some limes and black poplar. It is rare on oak but willow, elm, ash and thorns also act as hosts. Bunches can be quite large and very luxuriant. It is a parasite and although initially there would appear to be little damage to the host, the fact that another plant is drawing nutrient from it will eventually cause some lessening of vigour.
There are about 70 different

the only form of known in this country. It has distinct strains. which is one of the reasons why

world, but Vis-

it can be very difficult to get it lo take on trees of our choice. It is an evergreen and is classed as a shrub: flowers are found in the eaf axils usually different sexes on different bushes, although some

times both sexes are found on a single plant. Pale late summer and the single seed is covered with a sticky pulp.
Under normal conditions the

mistletoe depends on birds to spread its seed and has no other natural way of propagating itself. Seed-eating birds, and in particular the missel thrush, love the white fruits. (The common name of the missel thrush, Turdus viscivous, reflects its dependency on mistletoe.) When a seed is eaten it is either passed through the bird's stomach or rubbed off the beak onto the bark of the tree where the viscous sap around the seed makes it stick.

It is possible to try to propagate mistletoe yourself. Take a handful of fresh berries and rub the seeds into the bark of a suitable host (ideally an old established apple or a black poplar). The seeds should be rubbed into cracks and crevice in the bark on the underside of the branch. They will adhere easily and your hands will become sticky with the sap. The seed sends out a radicle which naturally makes its way into the branch and two plants eventually become as one.

Seed sown in February or March, at the latest, will often take some months to germinate and it takes plants resulting from these seeds at least seven years to bear fruit. I can but wish that the magical properties of mistletoe work for you this Christmas.

Ashley Stephenson

Tender loving care

Plants which are tender need not be shortlived; in fact, many can be made to last for years if they are looked after properly. By this time of year most of these should have been lifted and put in the house or shed to dry off ready for writer storage. Segonias are probably the most ender of the plants that need this

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longer so as to not to damage the stock. Tease away the soil which has remained on the root system. which should have dried as much as the foliage so that, when cleaning is complete, you are left with a bald tuber. These are then ready to be stored. Dahlias and gladioli should be treated in much

The store must be frost free, but it should be cool and there should be

free circulation of air. Although it is not essential to keep out all light. the darker the better. the darker the better.

Place a little dry peat in the bottom of a tray before beginning to lay out the root stocks. Gladioli and begonias can be laid out in a layer on the bottom of a shallow tray; they should be as close together as possible without touching. Gantly riddle dry peat over the tray allowing the peat to fill the interspaces. Dahlias are much larger and need a bigger, deeper larger and need a bigger, despet

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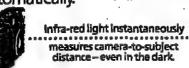
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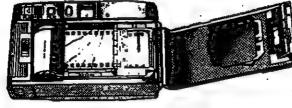
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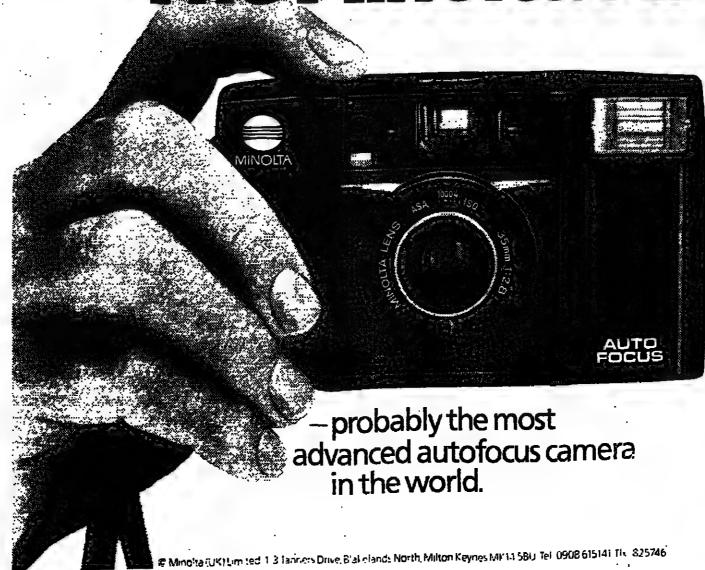
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Mystery cycle in medieval style

tation of the English medieval mystery plays, which has so far been confined to The Nativity and The Passion, is completed with a new production of Doomsday which takes the story from the Resurrection to the Last Judgement,

dawn to dusk, but on January 10 all three plays will be performed at the Cottesloe Theatre, and it is the hope of Bill Bryden, the director, that they will be presented together

To him they represent simply "the greatest story ever told - in a fireman, a boilermaker plays middle English. They are not as Abraham, a carpenter approprisophisticated as Greek drama but are the great English pre-Shakesperian plays".

The three plays are complete in themselves - The Nativity covering the time from the creation to the birth of Christ, and The Passion taking the story from John the Bapust to the crucifixion - but Bryden hopes that people will wish to see them all in sequence.

The National's version, by Tony Harrison, is derived from the York and Wakefield cycles, with bits from the Chester and Coventry cycles. The plays were written and performed by working men: in the York cycle, for example, the bakers created the Last Supper and nailmakers the The Mysteries, National Theatre

They were helped by dra- Nativity tonight and Wed at 7.30pm.

This Christmas and New Year matic poets, whose names are the National Theatre's presennot known. One is called the York realist and another the Wakefield master, author of the second shepherd's play featuring Mak the Sheepstealer.

Bryden's production tries to emulate the atmosphere of their medieval performances, where the whole town turned out onto It will not last quite as long as the streets to watch the pageant, the traditional 17 hours from So they are given promenade the seats have been taken up, and the audience can sit on the floor, wander about or watch from the balcony above.

In the plays the characters are played by modern "craftsmen". The Angel Gabriel is played by a fireman, a boilermaker plays ately takes the part of Joseph, and God is a miner.

That last interpretation has no specially topical relevance; he was cast as a miner in earlier productions of the plays. (The NCB provided the miners' helmets for this production). Past experience has shown that the audience and cast mingle easily. The actors treat

them very gently, and they always make way when a path is needed", Bryden says. He wants families to come to the shows, but adds that The Nativity is the most suitable for children, and emphasizes the importance of seeing the three parts in correct sequence.

Christopher Warman

Gem of a jar: From 14th-century

China, at the British Museum

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (930

Dec 29-31 and Jan 2-13, Mon-Fri

contemporary portraits; includes

6pm An entertaining collection of

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Collsourn, St Martin's Lane,

run is over, on Jan 10, the production will not be revived. Malcolm Donnelly takes the

The new one-off production of Tchaikovsky's Mezeppe, not seen in England since 1888, is the main attraction this week. Performances flank Christmas, playing tonight and Dec 29, both at 7pm, When the

Malcolm Donnelly takes the title role. One last performance of Cosi fan tutte on Fri at 7pm.

London, WC1 (836 3161)

10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-

timely, sombre images of Yorkshire miners by Michael Martin, and Clive Barker's bronzes of Francis Bacon.

LOOK! PEOPLE



Cherished cradle: Dave Hill and Brenda Blethyn in the National Theatre production of The Nativity, a medieval mystery play

In Preview

GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Peter Coe directs his adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel, in a joint production by the Churchill Theatre Bromley and Birmingham Repertory Theatre. Cast Includes ian McCurrach as Pip, Roy Dotrice as Magwitch, Sheila Burrell as Miss

Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London Off vic, waterior Hoad, London SE1 (928 7616). Previews from Wed at 7.30pm; Thurs, Fri, Dec 29, 31, Jan 1 at 7.30pm; opens Jan 2 at 7pm. Until Feb 2, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.45pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 2.30pm.

Openings

LIVES OF THE GREAT COMPOSERS: Comedian John Sessions in his latest one-man how, which may or may not include insights into the hitherto secret lives of Schumann, Schubert, Shostakovich and others. Five nights only, Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (748 3354). Opens Thurs at 8pm; Press night Fri at 7pm; Dec 29, 30 at 8pm; New Year's Eve Party Dec 31 at 9pm.

Selected

FORTY YEARS ON Queen's Theatre (734 1166), Mon-Fri at 7,30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8,15pm; matinées Wed at 3pm. No perts Dec 24, 25, but extra matinée Dec 27 at 3pm Transferred from Chichester, Alan Bennett's witty and nostalg pageant of Britain from the to the 1960s, rich in wickedly funny parodies and presented as a boys' public school play.

A LITTLE HOTEL ON THE SIDE Olivier (928 2252). Today at 2pm and 7.15pm, Wed at 7.15pm.

Uproarious and (thanks to John Mortimer's translation) surprisingly witty version of the Feydeau fairce better known as Hotel Paradiso, with Graeme Garden as a spry bourgeois adulterer and Deborah Norton as a marital dragon.

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ON YOUR TOES ce (437 5834). Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm. No perfs Dec 24, 25, but extra matinée Dec 26 at

Calina Panova (with Dorsen Wells taking over on Wed evenings and Sat matinees) has the lead in this appealing revival of the 1936 odgers and Hart musical, Staged by the co-writer and original rector, George Abbot, aged 96.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD Haymarket (930 9832). Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinėse Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 3pm. No peris Dec 24, 25, but extra matinėse Dec 27 at

2.30pm
Maggie Smith at her scintillating
best heads a starry cast (with John
Moffatt and Joan Plowright
especially delightful) in William
Gaskill's beautifully staged, though
rather bland, production of Congreve's masterplace.

WEST SIDE STORY Her Majesty's 3000 6606). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4.45 and 8pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm. No perf Dec 25 Bernstein's classic 1958 musical. scrupulously and energetically revived with Jeroma Robbins's original choreography.

WILD HONEY Lytteiton (928 2252). Today at 2.30 and 7.45pm, Wed-Fri at 7.45pm. Last staged as Platonov, Chekhov's delicate and quirky early comedy emerges as a lovable little

masterpiece in its own right, thanks to Michael Frayn's Imaginative translation and Christopher Morahan's production with the volatile lan McKellen at its centre.

Out of Town

BRISTOL: Old Vic, Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24368). Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie: Until Feb 9, system. With ries. title role as the butter. Pan by J. M. Darnes Gruss-res 5, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm; matinées at Sprum (daya vary). No peris Dec 24, 25, Jan 21, 28 29 Pah 4. 5. From Jan 14 Mon-28, 29, Feb 4, 5. From Jan 14 Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinées at 3pm (days

vary) New Vic (0272 24388). Tomfoolery by Robin Ray and Cameron Mackintosh. Until Feb 9, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm; matiness Dec 26, Jan 1, at 3pm. No perfs Dec 24, 25, Feb 4 Comedy revue, derived from the writings of US satirist Tom Lehrer.

LEICESTER: Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539 797). Me and My Girl by Noel Gay. Until Jan 26, Mon, Tues, Thurs at 7.30pm; Wed, Fri, Sat at 8pm; matinees Wed and Sat at 4.30pm, also on Dec 27, 28

at 4.30pm
The first professional production for 35 years of a musical which had a record-breaking run from 1937, and has since become art amateur company classic.

LIVERPOOL: Everyman, Hope Street (051 709 4776). From a Jack to a King by Bob Cartion. Until Jan 5, Tues-Sat at 8pm; matinees vary. From the author of Return to the Forbidden Planet, another blend of fantasy. Shakespages (Mechetti

antasy. Shakespeare (Macbeth)

and 1950s and '60s rock'n'roll. LIVERPOOL: Playhouse, Williamson Square (051 709 8363). Hindle Wakes by Stanley loughton. Until Jan 19, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 8pm; matinées

A 1911 comedy in which a romantic fling leads to pressure "to do the decent thing".

MANCHESTER: Royal Excha St Ann's Square (061 833 9833). The Admirable Crichton by J. M. Barrie, Until Jan 19, Mon and Tues at 7.30pm, Wed-Sat at 8pm;

matinees Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 4pm. No peris Dec 24, 25, no matines Dec 28
Comedy of the English class tem. With Hugh Quarshie in the

OXFORD: Playhouse (0865 247133). Way Upstream by Alan Ayckbourn. Until Jan 12, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8.15pm; matiness Sat at 4pm (4.30pm Dec 29, Jan 5). No perf Dec 25 New production (which will tour) of the bitter comedy set on a cabin

the bitter comedy set on a cabin cruiser. The Wind in the Willows. Until Jan 5. Mon-Fri at 2.30pm. Sat at 11am and 2pm. No perf Dec. 25 Adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's

book, for 6-11-year-olds. STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623), Love's Labour's Lost, Today and Wed at 7.30pm, Thurs at 1.30pm, In repertory Barry Kyle directs Edward

Petherbridge, Josette Simon, Roger Rees, Kenneth Branagh, Hamlet, Today at 1,30pm, Fri at 7 20pm, In Today at 1,30pm, Fri at 7.30pm. in repertory Roger Ress, Brian Blessed, Virginia McKenna, Frances Barbe directed by Ron Daniels.
The Merchant of Venice, Thurs at 7.30pm. In repertory lian McDiarmid, Frances Tomeity, directed by John Caird. Henry V. Today and Fri at 7,30pm. In repartory Kenneth Branagh, Brian Blessed, Patricia Routledge.

The Other Place (0789 295623). The Desert Alt by Nicholas Wright, Today and Wed at 7.30pm. in repertory
A "comedy about war and anger

set in Cairo, 1942. The Party by Trevor Griffiths, Fri at 7.30pm, in repertory Left-wing radicals in London in 1968 debate the possibility of a British Insurrection. Camille by Pam Gems, Thurs at 7.30pm. In repertory A retelling of the Alexandre Dumas La Dame aux Camèlias.

GALLERIES

Selected

LANDSCAPE, MEMORY AND DESIRE Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (402 6057). Today, tomorrow, Thurs, Fri, Dec 29-31 and Jan 2-20, daily 10am-

4pm. Works by six painters all achooled in abstraction who have since moved on to more natural expressionism, with landscape as

CHINESE ORNAMENT: THE LOTUS AND THE DRAGON British Museum, London WC1 (636 Frl. Dec 29-31 and Jan 2-May 5. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm Fescinating journey through decorative motifs, from ancient Egypt and classical Greece to China. Lotus patterns and by Chinese porcelain painters to

wonderful effect. **WILLIAM MORRIS** Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield (0742 734781). Today, tomorrow, Thurs, Fri and Dec 29-Jan 6, Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun

2-5pm Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Morris's birth, the exhibition concentrates on his designs for carpets, embroideries, furniture, tapestries, stained glass and also his wallpaper and fabrics.

Photography

NTERFERENCE ons, 13 Carlos Place. London W1 (499 9493), Thurs-Jan 9, daily, 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1 Polaroid photography from Nick Rhodes, of the pop group Duran Duran, Very colourful and vaguely ent of computer-enhance

BALLET PHOTOGRAPHS Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (929 3641). Until Jan 13, daily 10am-10pm Sensitive ballet pictures by John Austin, a young photographer who is obviously a talent worth

HENRY CUTHBERT Manchester Studies Archive Cavendish House, Cavendish Street, Manchester (061 288 6171). Until Jan 25, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-5pm Street scenes, celebrations and day-to-day life in the Urmston trict of Manchester, recorded by Henry Cuthbert, a butcher and keen amateur photographer. SRI LANKA

Terrace Entrance Foyer, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2252). Until Jan 25, Mon-Sat 10em-11pm Tim Page made his reputation with photographs taken during the Vietnam war. This show presents a

more gentle side of his nature.

DANCE FESTIVAL BALLET Festival Half (928 3191). Boxing day at 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat at 3

and 7.30pm until Jan 5 Tchaikovsky's music and the iveliness of the company make this production of *The Nutcraciar* a sure-fire hit even though not everyone is enthusiastic about Ronald Hynd's production. ROYAL BALLET

Covent Garden (240 1066). Today at 1.30pm, Boxing day at 8pm, Thurs and Friday at 7.30pm; matinės Thurs at 2.30pm Peter Wright's new production of The Nutcracker continues with the debuts of Bryony Brind and Jonathan Cope in the leads (Wed), followed by Karen Palsey and Mark Silver (Thurs matinee). There are also further performances by Lesley Collier and Anthony Dowell (tonight), Flona Chadwick and Wayne Eagling (Thurs eve), Ravenna Tucker and Jay Jolley (Fri), Gennadi Rozhdestvensky

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Sadler's Wells (278 8916), Until Jan 5. Mon-Sat (except Dec 24, 25) at 7.30pm, matthees Sat and Dec 28 at 2.30pm Two popular layourities provide this

week's programmes. Coppélia runs until Thurs, with different casts at every performance. Fri brings La Fille mai gardée with Marion Tait, Roland Price.

Opulent artistry in a feast for the eye

Provided one isn't suffering from a seasonal surfeit of families and bright colours, The Swing might be just the answer for those slack days after Christmas.

The German director, Percy Adlon, takes us on a celebratory tour of Munich, some hundred years ago; we revel in the sights, sounds and values of opulent, bygone world. Waltz music by Johann Strauss fills the ear, the leisurely perambulating camera of Jürgen Martin (a regular Adion collaborator) captures the beauty of ornate mansions and city landscapes with matching grace.

The story tells of the Lautenschlag family, constantly battling with perilous finances and their own personalities. They argue, they eat, they go to balls, concerts and make merry in various odd ways - gathered giggling round a table, for instance, they search for the sock with the biggest hole.

The film's epic sweep marks quite a change for Adlon, bestknown in Britain for his first feature Celeste (1981), a crisp and delicate drama about the relationship between Proust and his housekeeper. Five Last Days (1982) examined the last hours of a student activist in a Gestapo prison from a similarly intimate perspective. The Swing draws on an autobiographical novel of 1934 by Annette Kolb, the subject of one of Adlon's Earlier television documentaries. Before making documentaries, Adlon spent the 1960s working in radio on literary programmes and plays (he originally trained as a actor).

"On radio", he once said, "I



Family fun: Anja Jaenicke (left), Joachims Bernhard (centre) and Lena Stoize in The Swing

was learning to follow the music of literature, and I got my eye for filming in radio, learning to

see in my mind the pictures of the text. Such a background places Adlon some distance away from compatriots like Fassbinder, Herzog and Wenders. "I was never influenced by movies", Adlon admitted in the same interview, "I am not a cineaste, I am a Kunstler - I see my films

as art work". The Swing, however, shows Adlon unbending: an art work it might be, but it is one determined to delight and entertain. Geoff Brown

The Swing (PG) opens in London on Boxing Day for a three-week run at the Hampstead Everyman (01-435 1525).

Openings

KINGS AND DESPERATE MEN (17): Unusual Canadian thriller about a radio talk-show host (Patrick McGoohan) held hostag by a radical teacher determined to reopen a controversial manslaughter case. Co-starring Alexis Kanner, who also directs and produces. From Fri at the Classic Oxford Street (636 0310) and ABC

Selected

Bayswater (229 6620).

GHOSTBUSTERS (PG)

Odeon Leicester Square (930 6111) No point looking for finesse in this supernatural spoof from Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Harold Ramis and directed Ivan Rehman;

though for a film costing some \$30m, one expects far better special effects. A huge box office success, none the less.

GREMLINS (15) Warner West End (439 0791) Executive producer Steven Spielberg returns to E.T. territory with the artful story of small, furry, but not entirely lovable creatures Directed by Joe Dante (The Howling) with a gloating relish for nightmare horror.

DUNE (PG) Empire, Leicester Square (437 1234) David Lynch's expensive, Impersonal version of Frank Herbert's science fiction classic about war and intrigue on a desert planet; top-heavy with plots, but visually immaculate. With Kyle MacLachlan, Francesca Annis, and

CONCERTS

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Covent Garden, London WC2

CAROL BUSKERS Today, 2.30pm, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 8212, credit cards 589 9465) A traditional family carol concert is given by the Cambridge Buskers, the Royal Choral Society and John Birch (organ) with the Fantara Trumpeters of the Royal Marines School of Music. There is a repeat

CHRISTMAS CORELLI ! Today, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Square, Lendon SW1 (222 1051) The Vivaldi Concertante and Choir weigh in with Corelli's Christmas Concerto Op 6 No 8, excerpts from Handel's Messian and The Arrival Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

Today, 7.30pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (828 8795, credit cards 638 8891) Under the title "The Glory of Christmas" the London Concert Orchestra and London Chorale conducted by David Coleman offer Schubert's Ave Maria, Gounod's Christmas Oratorio.

CHRISTMAS CORELLI # Corell's Christmas Concerto Op 6 No 8 is this time heard from the Manchester Camerata under Nicholas Kraemer, along with Bach's Suite No 3, an unspecified Handel concerto grosso and Telemann's exciting D major Trumpat Concerto (Michael Laird.

NATIONAL CHILDREN Today, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Belvadere Road, South Bank,

London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 8800) Conducted by Vivien Price, the National Children's Orchestra undertakes Britten's Simple Symphony and, more ambitiously, Berlioz's Overture Carnaval Romain, Rimsky-Korsakov's Introduction and Bridal Procession from Le Coq d'Or and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

ALL REETHOVEN. Wed, 7.30pm, Barbican Centre The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra is heard in Beethoven's Overture Coricianus and Symphony No 3, the "Eroica". In between, Peter Donohoe is soloist in Piano Concerto No 5, the "Emperor" Lionel Friend conducts.

JUDD, SHELLEY Thurs, Spm, Barbican Centre The Royal Philharmonic Orches conducted by James Judd in Rossini's Overture Barber of Nosarii s Overtule and alberton Seville, Grieg's Peer Gynt Sulte No 1, Tchalkovsky's Symphony No 6, the "Pathétique". In Rachmaninov's Plano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Howard Shelley.

GUILDHALL STRINGS Fri, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 /935 2141) (935 2141)
A colourful programme is presented by the Gulidhali String Ensemble with Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence, Wolf's Italian Serenade, Rossini's String Sonata No 3 and Mendelssohn's String

Symphony No 9.

RIFKIN RAGS Fri, Spm, Barbican Centre Pianist Joshua Riikin plays a programme including Figleaf Rag. Sugercane, The Entertainer, Searchlight Rag, Roseleaf Rag. Wall Street Rag, Paragon Rag, all

Tonight and Fri at 7.15pm, and Sat 29 at 2.30 pm, the highly acclaimed production of The Gondollers, by Christopher Renshaw, first seen this summer at New Sadier's Wells Opera, its cast of young singers and G & S veterans is led by Gillian Sullivan and Derek Hammond-Stroud. On Thurs, Opera North's new Magic Flute, directed by Graham Vict. 17, 15,000 Graham Vick, (7,15pm).

FIGARO IN CROYDON OPERA NORTH Grand Theatre, New Briggate Leeds (0532 440971/459351) Croydon Warehouse Theatre, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon (680 4060) Tony Britten and Nicholas

Broadhurst, of the National Theatre's Guys and Dolls, have set up a workshop to explore the effects of applying the thinking and techniques of contemporary theatre to Mozart's Marriage of Figaro. The results can be seen tonight. Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm.

ROCK & JAZZ

Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081) The hippie send-up is good for a

chuckle or two, but will it last an entire evening? CULTURE CLUB Tonight, Wembley Arens, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex (902

1234) It's what's in the grooves that counts, as the Motown slogan used to have it. Boy George, who usually knows his Motown lines, seems to have fallen into the trap of thinking that it's what's in the gossip

AL GREY/BUDDY TATE Tonight, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (439 8722) Marvellous combination of trombone and tenor saxophone whose Basie-bred mainstream jazz can make everything else sound like junk food.

NIK KERSHAW Nik KERSHAW
Tonight, Queen's Hall, Leeds
(0532 431961); tomorrow and Mon,
Birmingham Odeon (021 643
6101); Fri to Dec 31, Hammersmith
Odeon, Queen Caroline Street,
London W6 (748 4081)
but tool a particularly Junk food - a particularly unexceptionable variety.

BIG COUNTRY Tonight, Capital Theatra, Aberdsen (0224 583141); tomorrow, Caird Hall, Dundee (0382 28121); Mon, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590) Christmas at home for these exponents of the guitar-rock renaissance.

Lowe's "Cruel to be Kind", all of which combine the intimacy of the bedroom Dansette with the PETER GREENWELL raucous glare of the fairground. Tonight and Mon to Sat, Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (235 5550) Now that Stave Ross has moved WHAM over to the Ritz. Greenwell is the

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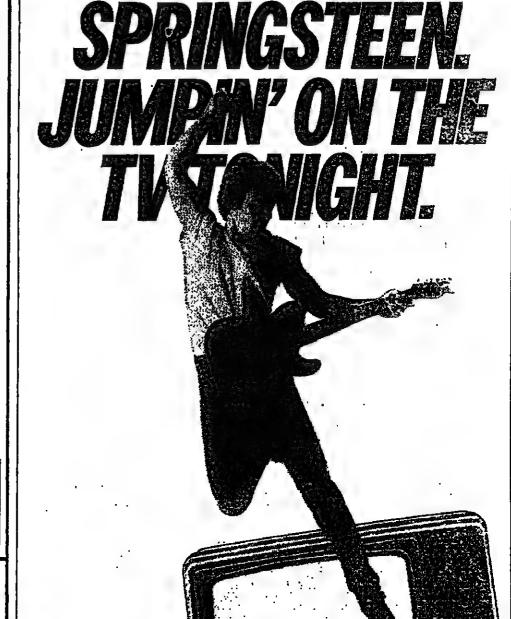


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Here is my critical day-by-day guide to almost 60 films showing during Christmas week. They include television premieres of Raiders of the Lost Ark and Mary Poppins but the accent is on older classics, with a season of Chaplins and such indestructibles as The Big Sleep, The Third Man and Some Like It Hot.

My star rating system (totally subjective, but I hope of value) is as

© ⊕ ⊕ not to be missed highly recommended
 well worth a look

An asterisk at the end of an entry indicates that the film is being shown on British television for the

Peter Waymark

CATODAY

BBC1

BREAKHEART PASS (1975) S.45-6.15pm Muddled Alistair MacLean adventure-cum-thrdler about a murder-strewn train journey across the Rockies in the 1870s. Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland head the passenger list.

THE BIG SLEEP (1946) ● ● ● 1.100dy, explosive private eve inriller directed by Howard Hawks from the novel by Raymond Chandler and featuring the unique screen chemistry of Humphrey Bogart and slinky Lauren Bacall.

3BC2

THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA (1958)

2:50-4:15pm Ernest Hemingway story, adapted by him for the screen, about an old fisherman (Spencer Tracy) dreaming of the big catch. Heavy going at times, despite James Wong Howe's fine camerawork and an Oscar-winning spore by Dmitri Tiomkin; directed by John Sturges, a man more at home with action and spectacle.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE James Stewart rescued from suicide by a guardian angel and convinced that his life has been worth living after all. Last, and arguably the best, of Frank Capra's series of small-town comedies - a beguiling mixture of fantasy and sentimentality that hardly puts a

BLOOD FROM THE MUMMY'S TOMB (1971) ● Midnight-1.35pm A season of Hammer horrors kicks off with one of the more distinguished examples, about an archaeological expedition which excavates an Egyptian tomb and wishes it hadn't. Stylish tale of the supernatural directed by the alented, wayward Seth Holt who died during shooting.

CHANNEL 4

HOME AT SEVEN (1952)

2-3,35pm Ralph Richardson stars with Margaret Leighton in the only film he directed, taken from R. C. Sherriff's play about a bank clerk who loses his memory and thinks he may have committed a murder. THE HOLLY AND THE IVY (1952)

5.35-5.05pm Richardson and Leighton again, with Celia Johnson, A flatly filmed but termidably acted version of Wynyard Browne's play in which a country parson has his life changed by family revelations during a Christmas reunion. SKATEBOARD (1977)

11.30pm-1.20am Allen Garlield as a gambler who organizes a skateboard team to pay off is debts. As ephemeral as the craze

TOMORROW

BBC1

ICE STATION ZEBRA (1968) 3.10-5.30pm Rock Hudson, Ernest Borgnine and Patrick McGoohan in a race between the Americans and Russians to recover a Efficient direction (John Sturges), but

SATURDAY

STEPTOE AND SON (1972) 8.35-10.10pm Harold marries a stripper but still cannot get away from Dad in patchy spin-off from the television shoom. Wilfred Brambell and Harry H. Corbett as the rag- and-bone men locked in family conflict.

TORN CURTAIN (1966) 10.10cm-12.10am Alfred Hitchcock's fiftleth film, a spy turiller which seems to get better with each viewing. Paul Newman as an American professor apparently about to defect, Julie Andrews the flances who refuses to be left behind; neither was happily cast, but typical Hitchcock mischief helps to compensate.

SCROOGE (1970) Leslie Bricusse's musical version of A Christmas Carol fails to take off desp a game performance by Albert Finney as the old miser, and a supporting cast that boasts Alec Guinness and Edith Evans.

CHANNEL 4

THE TALL TARGET (1951) 10.50pm-12.15am Dick Powell as a disgreced detective trying to prevent the assassination of President Lincoln on the train carrying him to his inauguration. Suspense thriller, with echoes of *The Lady Vanishes*, tautly directed by Anthony

CHRISTMAS EVE

BBC₁

THE CRUEL SEA (1952)●

2.15-4.15pm Stiff upper lips to the fore as Jack Hewkins and his men re-light the bettle of the Atlantic. Faithful Ealing production of the Nicholas Monsarrat best-seller about the adventures of a British

ONE OF OUR DINOSAURS IS MISSING (1975)

6.55-8.25pm

Adroit children's comedy from Walt
Disney about missing microfilm hidden
in a skeleton in the British Museum.

Peter Ustingv overacte deliciously as the Chinese intelligence officer hot on the

BBC2

THE GOLD RUSH (1925) • •

2.35-3.45pm A Chaplin retrospective kicks off with probably his most popular feature, in which the little tramp is prospecting for gold in Alaska. Unforgetable scanes include Charlie eating his boots and the dance of the rolls. Chaplin's voice-over and music were added in 1942. LITTLE WOMEN (1949)

4.45-6.40pm Lush, sentimental version of Louisa May Alcott's story of four sisters growing up in the America of the 1860s. June Allyson, Margaret O'Brien, Elizabeth Taylor and Janet Leigh make up the quartet and there is crisp support from

THE QUIET MAN (1952)

10pm-12.10am Boisterous, Oscar-laden John Ford comedy set in an Irish never-never-la John Wayne as an ex-boxer returning to his native Galway to fall in love with Maureen O'Hara and engage in memorable fisticuffs with Victor

ITV

BENJI (1974)

Likeable family picture in which a stray mongrel dog saves two kidnapped

THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER (1974) 3.10-5.15pm

Peter Sellers as the bungling inspector Clouseau, back on the trail of the stolen diamond. One of the earlier and fresher outstayed its welcome. FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (1977)

9-10.40pm
Trouble is that the film never quite decides whether it is just fun or a satire on American middle-class life. Sprightly performances from George Segal, a fired aerospace executive who turns to crime, and Jane Fonda as his wife.

CHANNEL 4

A PLACE OF ONE'S OWN (1944) • 10.55pm-12.40am Begantly crafted Edwardian ghost

Hoofing on the roofing: Dick Van Dyke leads the chorus of dancing sweeps in Mary Poppins (Christmas Day); Tracey Uliman in The Young Visiters (Christmas Day) and Orson Welkes in The Third Man (Boxing Day); Charlie Chaplin in The Gold Rush (Christmas Eve); Harrison Ford in Raiders of the Lost Ark (Christmas Day) story, from a novel by Osbert Sitwell.

secretary-companion to an elderly couple (James Mason, Barbara Mu in a country house and is possessed by the spirit of a murdered girl.

CHRISTMAS DAY

BLUE MURDER AT ST TRINIAN'S

Second of the four films based on Ronald Searie's awful schoolgins. A silly plot about the girls getting Involved with a jewel thief in Rome; but rich character playing from Alastair Sim as the headmistress, George Cole as the spiv, and Joyce Grenfell

MARY POPPINS (1964) ...

3.10-5.25pm On television at last, the Walt Disney favourite about a magical Edwardian namy (Julia Andrews, in her film debut) floating in on her umbrella to take charge of two naughty children. Claver mbture of animation and live action and a cluster of catchy songs.

SOME LIKE IT HOT (1959) ● ●
10.55pm-12.50am
Overstretched but Intermittently brilliant
Billy Wilder comedy of the bootleg era
with Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis disguised as girl musicians, and Marilyr Monroe as a real girl musician, on the

run from gangsters. Curtis sends up Cary Grant, George Raft sends up himself; the opening sequence is a gem.

LIMELIGHT (1952) ● ● ●

3.25-5.35pm Late Chaplin film in which he plays a fading music half comic who saves a young ballerina (Claire Bloom) from suicide and finds new meaning in his own life, indulgent but ultimately moving study of an old man's twilight, with a brief but telling routine in which Chaplin and Buster Keaton revive the glories of

KAOS (1984) ...

Early television showing for one of this year's cinema plums – the Taviani brothers's exquisite rendering of four stories of Sicilian life by Luigi Pirandello; plus an epilogue.*

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN (1974) 3.10-5.25pm

Christopher Lee takes time out from his horror movies to play the suave baddle, Scaramanga, trying to hall James Bond (Roger Moore) with his golden bullets. Acceptable re-hash of familiar 007 RAIDERS OF THE LOST

CHANNEL 4

JOUR DE FETE (1949)

1.50-3.26pm

Joyous first feature from Jacques Tatl
as the village postman who tries to show
that he can be just as efficient as the Americans when it comes to delivering mail. The beautifully fashioned gags are combined with subtle observation of

THE YOUNG VISITERS (1984) •

Tracey Uliman as the heroine of a Victorian romance as chronicled by the victorian rotatice as chroniced by in nine-year-old Daisy Ashford, Writer-director James Hill faithfully captures the charm of the original, with Carlna Radford playing Daisy.*

WEDNESDAY

BBC 1 THE ADVENTURES OF QUENTIN

DURWARD (1955) 9.15-10.55am Spirited romp from Sir Walter Scott's novel set in fifteenth century France with

Harrison Ford as the archaeologis Indiana Jones in pursuit of Nazi treasure hunters in Steven Spielberg's affectionate homage to the Saturday morning serials. An action packed, sometimes incoherent film, whose

BBC1 writer, Lawrence Kasdan, has since turned director with Body Heat.*

THE COURAGE OF LASSIE (1946)

2.20-3.50 pm The cinema's favourite collie, here confusingly called Bill, helping to win the Second World War and the heart of its youthful owner, Elizabeth Taylor.

BBC2

THE VALLEY OF GWANG! (1968) 12.45-3.10pm Ray Harryhausen's special effects are the highlight of this tall tale of the

discovery of prehistoric monsters in a forbidden valley of Mexico.

MONSIEUR VERDOUX (1947) 3.25-5.25pm Little seen Chaplin film, which raised an outcry on its first release, in which he plays a modern Bluebeard, marrying

plays a modern bluebard, maining and murdering rich women for their money. Critics were shocked by its cynical view of bourgeols morality but it has survived as one of Chaplin's sharpest and most original works. REAP THE WILD WIND (1942)

Opulent period spectacular from Cecil B. de Mille, a story of love and intrigue on the great sailing ships off the Florida Keys. Stars John Wayne, Ray Milland and a ciant souid.

keep the party going and there is a rousing climax in a bell towar.

1.50-4.10pm

BBC 2

SUDDONT

THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX (1965)

James Stewart, Flichard Attenborough and Peter Finch head the sturestudded survivors of a crashed plane in the Sahara desert; Hardy Kruger as the

ESCAPE TO VICTORY (1981)

6.20-6.10pm Michael Caine, Sylvester Stalione and real footballers Pele, Bobby Moore and

Ossie Ardiles playing soccar against the Germans in a Second World War prison camp. Recreation of a true incident,

slackly directed by John Huston.*

THE GREAT DICTATOR (1940)

3.05-5.05pm •••
Chaplin's first full talkie, a searing satire on Adolf Hilter which mixes

joyous slapstick and cold anger. Charlie underlines the point by

parying bout the discustor and a persecuted Jawish barber, and there is a spiendid Mussolini from Jack Oakie. Paulette Goddard (Chaplin's third wife) in appealing

THE THIRD MAN (1949) 🏶 🛡 🗨

One of the most enjoyable of all

rackets of post-wer Vienna with Joseph Cotten as the writer of hack

the villain oozing charm; original script by Graham Greene; atmospheric direction by Curol Reed; haunting music by the Austrian zither player Anton Karas,

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN (1953)

Sugary blopic of the Danish story teller, lifted by an engaging performance from Danny Kaye and a rait of hummable Frank Loesser songs including Thumbelina and Wonderful, Wonderful

Spirited send-up of the disaster movie in which a former pilot has to man the controls when the craw is attacked by food poisoning. More pase than flat but

some hilarious moments. With Lloyd Bridges and Peter Graves.*

AIRPLANEI (1980)●

CHANNEL 4

LÁ VERITE (1960)

Brigitte Bardot on trial for

THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER (1935)

4-6pm Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone

caming to the rescue of a fellow officer in a stirring tale of the Indian North-West Frontier directed by Henry Hathaway.

murdering her lover (Sami Frey) in veteran director Henri-Georges Clouzot's intense story of crime

THURSDAY

and passion; said to be Bardot's favourite film and one of the few

tirfliers, set amid the rums and

Westerns searching for his old Inlend Harry Lime, Orson Welle

playing both the dictator and a

dashing Robert Taylor falling in lave with lovely Kay Kendali; Robert Morley.

Marius Goring and Wilfrid Hyde White THE THIRTY NINE STEPS (1978) 2.30-4.15pm
Third screen adaptation of John Buchan's spy thriller, with Robert Powell as the intropid adventurer Richard Hannay, Lacks the flair of the 1935
Hitchcock version but closer to Buchan in period and plot and manages a nitilibiting climax on the face of Big Ben. young German who may have a way out. SOMEBODY KILLED HER

HUSBAND (1976) 7.30-9.15pm Unhappily married Farrah Fawcett-Majors has an affair with toy salesman Jeff Bridges, decides to tell her husband about it but finds he has been bumped

off. Routine mystery thriller, trying for a

CHANNEL 4

light touch.

OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR (1969) . 10pm-12.40pm Brave attampt by Richard Attenborough

his first film as director - to transla Joan Littlewood's angry stage musical on the horrors and follies of the First World War, With a host of stars - Oilvier,

FRIDAY

BBCI

THE BOY WHO TURNED YELLOW (1972)

The last film to date by the celebrated British screen partnership of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger: a fantasy about a boy's adventures with a visitor from outer space called Nick (short for Electronic).*

NORTH SEA HIJACK (1979) Roger Moore, heavily disguised behind a beard and glasses, foiling a plot to salze a North Sea oilrig. And if you

eve that

BRIEF ENCOUNTER (1945) . 10.45pm-12.19em Railway station romance for housewife Cella Johnson and doctor Trevor enlargement of a short play by Noel Coward. Often derided for its emotional restraint but exquisitely played and utterly true to its setting and period.

BBC2

A KING IN NEW YORK (1957) 3.25-5.15pm Curious late Chaplin film in which he gives vant to the bitterness surrounding his enforced exile from the United States in the early 1950s. Universally savaged by the critics but now that the dust has settled worth another look.

THE CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN (1957) ●
10.05-11.25pm
A gary re-working of the famous
Hollywood Frankenstein and the film
that launched the cycle of Hammer
horror. With the suavely chilling Peter

Cushing as Baron Frankenstein and Christopher Lee Inheriting Boris Karloff's monster. DRACULA (1958) • 11.25pm-12.50am

Another offering from the Hammer studio, with the same leading men - Lie this time as Dracula and Cushing as Van Helsing. A stylish concoction from an underrated director, Terence Fisher.

THE GOLDEN VOYAGE OF SINBAD (1973)
2.45-4.45pm
John Philip Law leading his brave band of seafarers through magic and fantasy with the help of striking trick effects from Ray Harryhausen.

RYAN'S DAUGHTER (1970) • 8-9.50pm; 10.05-11.50pm. Carefully crafted, sumptuously

chotographed but overlong story of Irish girl Sarah Miles who marries dull schoolteacher Robert Mitchum and has an affair with a shell shocked soldier.

CHANNEL 4

NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK (1941) ● 11.45am-1pm. Shambolic and virtually plottess late W. C. Fleids vehicle redeemed by a

characteristic sample of the great man's humour, including one-liners like "she throws me to drink, the one thing I'm indebted to her".

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (1970) ● 10.30pm-12.45am. compromised by a Russian ballerina and smoking out German sples in Scotland. Billy Wilder's affectionate pastiche had Colin Blakely as Watson.

Lo, stars with plum parts in a merry menu ...

In Cagney and Lacey (BBC1, Christmas Eve. 8.55-9.45pm) a psychopathic gunman holds Mary Beth hostage in a boxear. But never mind: Val Doonican is round the corner to soothe things down with the help of Pam Ayres and the TV weathermen. Christmas television in a nutshell: an unceasing flow of the melodramatic and the dotty. one merging effortlessly into the It is the time when the good

are upstaged by the great. A guest on the Paul Daniels Magic Christmas Show (BBC). Christmas Day, 6.35-7.25pm) is the showbusiness personality of the year, Robert Maxwell. It is the time when Penelope Keith, preferably with Paul Eddington, gets a plum part in a Noel Coward revival; this year Judith Bliss in Hay Fever (BBC2, Boxing Day, 7.25-9pm). It is the time to remember those who lit up previous Christmases. Bring Me Sunshine (ITV, Christmas Day, 6-

8.30pm) is a mammoth tribute

to the late Eric Morecambe,

introduced by Ernie Wise, and featuring the likes of Angela

Rippon and Des O'Connor.

(BBC2, Boxing Day,

6.20-7.25pm) recalls the famous films and turbulent private of Ingrid Bergman, with the help of home movies of her childhood edited by her namesake (but no relation) Ingmar. No Christmas would be complete, either, without Aga-tha Christic. The latest cull

TV choice

three-part dramatization of The Body in the Library, with Joan Hickson playing the shrewd spinster sleuth Miss Marple. Mary the maid is strangled on the hearthrug and Colonel Bantry (Moray Watson) is the number one suspect. Andrew Cruikshank, Gwen Watford and Valentine Dyall are also implicated. The story opens on BBC1, Boxing Day, 9.15-10.10pm; and continues on Thursday and Friday.

Good to see Dave Allen back after too long a gap (BBC1, Boxing Day, 9.55-10.45pm); he is a comedian of rare wit who is never predictable. The opposite might be said of The Two Ronnies (BBC1, Christmas Day. 8.55-9.55pm) whose appeal lies precisely in routines that have hardly changed since the first Corbett/Barker show back in 1970. But why mess about with the menu when the dishes are popular? Mike Yarwood you either love or hate: he is on TTV on Boxing Day (7.15-

8.15pm).

Another offering from Ingmar Bergman this week his Fanny and Alexander is being shown in its full, five-hour version over three evenings. The shorter cinema film gave only a taste of the richness and complexity of one of Bergman's finest works, a delicate study of childhood in the early years of from the Queen of Crime is a the century. Part one is on



Royal couple: Mike Yarwood and Barbara New

10.10pm, with part two on Friday and the final part on Saturday, December 29. There is drama of a different

kind in the latest BBC2 Shakespeare, Much Ado About Nothing (today, 8.15-10.45pm): Robert Lindsay, seen recently as the snooker tycoon in Give Us a Break plays Benedick and Cherie Lunghi is Beatrice. A contemporary play worth catching is December Flower (ITV, tomorrow, 9.30-10.45pm), Judy Allen's perceptive treatment of family tensions directed by Stephen Frears. Mona Wash-Stephen Frears. Mona Wash-bourne is an old lady neglected by her family, Jean Simmons son Square Garden (BBCL) Boxing Boxing Day, 9-10.15pm), a world's record of his New York concert course.



tomorrow, 8.35- the kindly visitor, and Bryan Forbes makes his first acting appearance for 17 years.

Peter Cushing in a newly invented Sherlock Holmes adventure, The Masks of Death (tomorrow, 8.15-9.45pm) with John Mills as Watson; and the West End hit farce about bogus vicars, See How They Run, played to the hilt by Maureen Lipman, Michael Denison and Derek Nimmo (Christmas Day, 8.30-10pm). Giants of opera are the subjects of Pavaretti at Madi-

Music in more popular idiom

Channel 4 drama includes

attended by 20,000 people; and Placido, a year in the life of Placido Domingo (Channel 4, Christmas Eve, 9-10.45pm) which shows just how gruelling life at the top can be. Vladimir Achkenary and the Spedich Ashkenazy and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra take part in the latest of the series of composer portraits by Christopher Nupen, Jean Sibelius (Channel 4, Christmas Day, 10-11.55pm).

is provided in Lena Horne -The Lady and Her Music (BBC2, Christmas Eve, 8.25-10pm), a record of her onelopm), a record of her one-woman show including distinc-tive interpretations of "From This Moment On", "The Lady is a Tramp" and the song that became her signature tune, "Stormy Weather". Horne also turns up in Richard Rodgers: The Sound of His Music (BBC2, Friday, 1.45-3.25pm), a starry American tribute to the composer of more than 1,000 songs and 42 shows.

There is a treat for small boys of all ages in A Lineside Look at Model Railways (Channel 4, Boxing Day, 11.10am-noon). presented by the tubby, genial Bob Symes. Here are the pick of the country's miniature layouts, testaments to loving care and eye for detail. A documentary with a more robust theme is Sandy Gall's celebration of 100 years of The Cresta Run (ITV, Boxing Day, noon-lpm), the world's best known toboggan

The most poignant event of the week will be Terry Wogan's farewell from his early morning record show. The Irish charme signs off on Friday (Radio 2, 7.30-10am) after a run of 12 years; for millions breakfast time will never be the same

Elsewhere Christmas radio is doing its best to drum up nostalgia with shows like Family Favourites, revived on Christmas Eve (Radio 2, 1-3pm) under the genial guidance of Cliff Michelmore, and Forces Favourites with Jean Metcalfe at the same time on Christmas. Day. It was while presenting Family Favourites from London and Hamburg in 1948 that Jean and Cliff first met; they married two years later.

Nostalgia appeals, too, in classic radio comedy. The Goons - Sellers, Milligan and Secombe - are in their 1955 show, The International Christmas Pudding (Radio 4, Boxing Day, 1.05-1.40pm), And there are Christmas editions from the archives of Round the Horne, with Kenneth Horne, Hugh Paddick, Kenneth Williams and company (Radio 4, Christmas Day, 1.10-1.40pm) and Take It From Here, in which Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield appear as the Gluns (Radio 4, today, 8.15-

Alistair Cooke's Letter From America started in 1946 and is America started in 1946 and is

But there is new material as King's College Chapel, Camtherefore in its fifth decade. well. It occurs most notably in bridge, on Christmas Eve There are samples from the documentary. On Friday Ray (Radio 4, 3-4.30pm).

Radio choice

Hark, the archives peal again

previous four, starting on Monday (Radio 4, 10.30am) and the latest epistle, the 1,872th, is on Friday (Radio 4, 10.30-10.45am). Cooke also starts another of his occasional series on popular music. This one is called Only By Women (Radio 2, Friday, 10.30-11pm) and looks at the female contribution to American music, the composers, the instrumentalists and the singers.

Drama works particularly well on radio, challenging the listeners to attend to the words and paint their own pictures of characters and settings. Saturday Night Theatre (Radio 4, today, 8.30-10pm) has a seasonal offering in Christmas at Dingley Dell, adapted from The Pickwick Papers and Christmas Stories of Charles Dickens and featuring David March as Mr Pickwick.

Then on Monday (Radio 4, 7.30-9.30pm) Man and Super-man, with Alec McCowen and Anna Massey, heralds a series called Shaw At Christmas. There is a play a night and a chance to savour again Judi Dench as Saint Joan, Anna Massey as Major Barbara, Peter Godfrey and Sarah Badel in The 11.45pm); and the Festival of Doctor's Dilenma.

Gosling, one of our most accomplished younger broad-casters, investigates the bizarre tale of the Rector of Stiffkey in A Proper Little Gent (Radio 4, 9.45-10.30am). The Rev Harold Davidson claimed he was saving young women from sin. The church called it immoral conduct, and he was unfrocked. He turned variety artist to raise money for an appeal and met a tragic end

in a lion's case.

Another curious hie is recalled in The Tenor They Called the Lancashire Caruso (Radio 4, Friday, 9.30 to 10-15pm). Thomas Burke, a miner from Leigh, was during the 1920s one of the country's leading opera singers. But when he gave his last stage performance he was still not yet 40 and he spent the rest of his life dreaming of a comeback that never came.

A third documentary, The Dream Child, is a portrait of the essayist Charles Lamb, who died 150 years ago (Radio 4, Thursday, 9,45-10.30am). He-was a kind, gentle man who lived with the family tragedy of seeing his sister, Mary, go berserk and kill their mother, Two final delights: Emlyn Williams reading from his own adaptations of Dickens in four Barkworth playing Magnus in programmes starting on Radio
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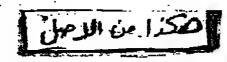
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Commercial

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Corporation, the private ente prise funding arm of the World Bank, has made its first

borrowing in the commercial marker. The success of the

operation is likely to encourage

further tapping of private

investors and underlines the

trend within the Bank to more

external financing from unof-

The IFC has borrowed \$50 million by issuing 10-year notes carrying a coupon of 10.4 per cent offered at par. The notes

have been placed privately with

European investors by Nomura International in London, the

Japanese securities house.
In June the IFC announced that it would double its capital

over the next five years to \$1,300 million (£1,120 million).

The IFC previously obtained nearly all its funds from the World Bank, but political opposition to extra resources for

the Bank, particularly from the

United States, had driven the

The £50m will be used for

general lending by IFC. Earlier in the year the IFC laid down its

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Ups and downs on the privatization ladder

The Royal Ordnance Factories are to join the conveyor belt to privatization on January 2 when the Defence Ministry announced yesterday, they will start the year trading as Royal Ordnance pic. That date is far too soon for trade union leaders, who have to reach agreements on conditions in the new company and what will happen to 1,500 people made redundant, but it will be none too soon for Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, who is no doubt keen to make his contribution to the privatization drive and knows that it will take Royal Ordnance pic at least 15 months and up to two years to get into a condition that might appeal to the public,

Meanwhile Lord King who has acheived all this transformation and more at British Airways, finds himself stalled on the runway by the private lawsuits over the demise of Laker Airways overhanging. BA's finances. It is not as if Lord King and indeed the Transport Department has not pulled out all the stops and cut as many corners as possible to ensure that BA was floated in the present financial year, as Sir Adam Thomson and the US Justice Department can testify. But the multi-million lawsuits remain to ruin Lord King's commitment to a February

The delay should not be too embarrass-ing for the Treasury. Higher than expected proceeds from the first tranche of British Tclecom, plus Enterprise Oil and earlier sales have already more or less filled up the £1.9 billion privatization norm for 1984-85, although the exact numbers depend on how all the costs of the BT issue are charged.

Money market analysts watching the monthly public borrowing figures like hawks will not be so happy. Nor will Lord King. The delay is not merely frustrating. Lord King is understandably anxious not to miss the confluence of booming stock markets and airline markets. The Transport Department remains committed to privatization as early as possible, but the delay could be costly.

For the Treasury, on the other hand, it could be quite convenient. Next year's quota for asset sales is £2.5 billion, though this is not quite the same as privatization targets as some of these show up in state industry external financing balances. The second tranche of British Telecom will provide a strong base, but an extra £500 million net from British Airways would be useful too. Unipart, Short Brothers, National Bus and parts of Rolls-Royce are all lining up.

The first to show, however, could well be some of British Shipbuilders' warship yards. Negotiations are apace at Brooke Marine, and selling memoranda are available for Yarrow and Hall Russell with bids due in on a tight schedule by January 21. Management buyouts are possible in any or all of these as well as Vosper-Thorneycroft.

Vickers will be a big bite for anyone. The three remaining yards - Vosper, Swan Hunter and Cammell Laird - await decisions about placing orders for Type 22 frigates. The decisions were promised before Christmas, but Mr Heseltine's department does not seem to have been in such a hurry for action in this case.

Polly Peck profits in the box

Mr Asil Nadir, chairman of Polly Peck, is trying hard to convince the sceptics who still cannot quite believe that a company which made £50.55 million out of cardboard boxes from nothing three years ago is here to stay. The 60-page annual report carefully details the company's activities and for shareholders who turn up to the annual meeting in February. there is a video of the fruit being packed, the televisions being assembled and the mineral water being bontled. Mr Nadir himself is in no doubt about his company's ability to survive and prosper. A confident £39.65 million is earmarked for capital spending this year against £18.8 million last year. All will be financed

Sales of television video recorders are only just under way, but Polly Peck has captured 13 per cent of the Turkish market and hopes to have 25 per cent shortly after the factory reaches full production in February. Despite the high costs of a colour television (£550 to £660).

there is an estimated market of one million sets a year. A flourishing black economy apparently belies Turkey's official statistics of per capita income Margins are satisfactory, says Mr Nadir, despite the 28 to 50 per cent duty on components.

This year's profits will have first-time contributions from consumer electronics and mineral water as well as burgeoning profits from fruit packing. Last year the agricultural side showedprofits up 73 per cent on breathtaking 41.7 per cent margins, which were, however, down from 43.6 per cent the previous year.

Last year analysts overestimated Polly Peck's profits because of slippage in the televison and water projects. This year they are being strongly urged to err on the side of caution. Even so they are forecasting £80 million pretax profits, which givers a prospective p/e ratio of four on a 35 per cent tax ratio. Mr Nadir does not want to talk much about future projects for fear of being castigated again: for being behind schedule. However, a food processing joint venture with Metal Box will get under way this year. The proposed projects with Racal on defence electronics and Daihatsu to make cars are for a later date.

Treasury clash with Bank continues

The rift between the Bank of England and the Treasury is set to spill over into 1985. A fine disagreement is brewing over real wages (not a reference to the Old Lady's traditional high salaries).

The Bank's panel of academic consultants has been considering the link between real wages and jobs. So too have the Treasury's economists. A paper will appear from both Bank and Treasury in January and we expect them to come to markedly different conclusions:

The scene was set by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, on October 21. In a Weekend World interview, Mr Lawson said that if real wage growth had been 3 per cent less over the past year, half a million more people would have been in work. Since then the Treasury has been hard at work trying to support this claim, a task which, it appears, is not easy.

The difficulty is not in proving there that there is a link In the Treasury model, real wage cuts work through to higher employment, principally through the demand-boosting effects of lower inflation on savings. They also after the balance of advantage between capital and labour. The problem has been producing an effect which matches Mr Lawson's calculations. Treasury economists are said to be pulling out every stop, includig allocating model discrepancies like company sector residual adjustments to employment, and yet still falling short of the "proving" that one per cent off real wages produces an extra 200,000 jobs.

A sample of the Bank of England panel's view was provided in the Quarterly Bulletin, published yesterday.

Professor J. R. Sargent concluded that a range of influences, of which the real wage is only one, is needed to explain employment changes fully. Sir Bryan Hopkin, former government chief economic adviser, sees some link between real wages and international competitiveness, but no generalized "high wage-induced unemployment" concept for the British economy applies.

Both stress the importance of the difference between real wages, as per-ceived by the worker, and real product wages (money wages plus employment costs like national insurance contributions, divided by an index of value added in money terms), as seen by the employer. The panel's provisional con-clusion is that to see real wages cuts as a panacea for high unemployment misses out other, equally important, influences.

A year ago, the Bank's panel caused controversy, and a few red faces among Treasury ministers, by publishing a paper by Hendry and Ericsson, criticizinf Dr Milton Friedman's work on the link between the money supply, inflation and growth in Britain. The Bank's academic consultants are ready to resume their thorn-in-the-Treasury-flesh role next month.

Thwarted Reckitt & Colman buys Airwick for £165m

Reckitt & Colman, the mustard to Disprin group headed by Sir James Cleminson, which lost the battle for the Australian company Nicholas Kiwi seven weeks ago, is buying the Airvick Group from Claa-Geigy to SwFr 500 million (£165 million).

Airwick is a consumer products company best known in Britain for its air fresheners and Gumption bousehold cleaner. Air fresheners account for 30 per cent of its total turnover and household products for more than 70 per cent.

Reckitt had Airwick under consideration when it made its bortive bid for Nicholas Kiwi. As a second best it has strong attractions for Reckitt. It has 38 per cent of its turnover in North America, the geographical re-tion where Reckitt is most keen o expand.

Mr David Clifford company secretary, said Airwick "had the critical mass in North America ve have been looking for".

Opec to fix

prices

next week

From David Young

The Organization of Petro-leum - Exporting Countries (Opec) has given itself a week

to agree on a system of controlling oil output and

prices. It hopes to restore world

confidence in its ability to

stabilize prices and heal several

The options available to the

13-member producers' cartel

were outlined yesterday to the

The ministers will spend the

next week explaining proposals

for policing Opec agreements to their beads of state and governments in the bope that

final approval can be granted next week when the Opec

meeting reconvenes in Geneva.

The main proposal put

forward by a committee made

up of Indonesia, Sandi Arabia

and the United Arab Emirates

is that an auditing commission

should be set up with powers to

obtain precise information of

nembers' output and prices

However, there is strong

opposition from some members

who claim that such a body

would interfere with their

sovereign powers to control the

development of their main industry and their economies.

For that reason a far-reach-

set up its own oil sales

department through which all

output would be charmeled to

firmly vetoed. The fact that

Sandi Arabia seems prepared

to go along with a auditing commission may persuade

other nations to accept. On the

question of sovereign rights to

control its oil production, Saudi

Arabian has always taken a

hard line. For that reason is the

only Opec member not to have

a firm production quots, acting

instead as "swing producer"

and moving its output op or down within the overall Opec

However, Sheik Ahmed Zaki

Yamani, the Saudi oil minister,

said yesterday that he will support the proposed measures to tighten-up Opec discipline.

He said: "Until we can have agreement on how our pro-duction quotas are adhered to

there is no point in discussing

the matter of price differen-

The price differential issue

will also be completed next week in Genera with a new

scale of crude prices being set.

The overall Opec benchmark price will remain at \$29, but the

price of heavy caudes will rise

and the cost of the light crudes,

which trade in opposition to North Sea output, will fall.

However, the issues

discipline and prices now being

taken to member governments have opened several internal

arguments, notably between Iran, whose output is almost entirely light oil and the

conservative Gulf states which

can produce both types of crude. Often bitter exchanges

between Iran and the Saudi

Arabian delegation have clouded this week's meeting

and added to the tension within

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il ministers in Geneva.

It is also far less likely to lead to monopoly complications than the Australian deal might have. There is some overlap of products - Reckitt makes an air freshener called Haze, but not enough it is felt, to create The price being paid implies an exit a/e of between 35 and 40, which Reckitt admits is high, but says it is not buying past profits. Profits before tax in 1983 were SwFr 29 million.

plans for US

Airwick's past profits per formance has not been impressive, because it has been part of a chemicals company, Reckitt says. As part of a consumer products group it will be a two countries where it wanted

Airwick's largest markets outside America are France (15 per cent of turnover), Germany

Sterling rallies as

exports hit record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Reckitt believes it can dramati-

cally improve Airwick's profits margins, which are 3 per cent

compared with Reckitt's aver-

Britain ran a current account

surplus of £278 million last

month, as exports reached a record level, and trade in manufactured goods returned to

surplus. The trade deficit dropped from £888 million in October to £122 million in

The figures helped the pound

Exports rose from £6,254

million in October, itself a

record, to £6,450 million in

November, Non-oil exports

were up 6.5 per cent in volume

terms in the September-

November period, compared

with the previous three months. Exports of manufactured

goods were strong, and overall

exports to North America rose

15 per cent in November,

supporting the view that the

pound's low level against the

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gain 72 points against the dollar to \$1.1735, the sterling index rising 0.2 to 73.2

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Sir James Cleminson:

(15 per cent) and Italy (9 per cent). Reckitt had already identified France and Italy as

The purchase will be paid for out of the proceeds of the £106

imports fell sharply, from

new value added tax regulations

were introduced at the ports from November 1, and many

by 7 per cent in the September

tember and borrowings to make up the difference. Group net debt at the end of 1983 was £7.2

The Airwick acquisition is considerably cheaper than Nicholas Kiwi would have been. The bidding was pushed up to a \$452 million (£322 million) by the intervention of the American Consolidated foods Corporation, which eventually won. The Airwick bid will still require the approval of Reckitt share-

Airwick's net assets at the end of December 1984 are forecast to be SwFr 210 million (£69 million) and it has no borrowings other than intercompany loans of SwFr 40 million, already deducted from

The acquisition will increase Reckitt's household and toilery business by more than 50 per

Shares of **Tomatin** suspended

£7,142 million in October to £6,572 million in November. Fears were growing last night over the furure of Tomatin This was due to the fact that Distillers as last-ditch efforts were being made to mount a new financial rescue for the loss-making Scotch whisky

importers brought forward imports to avoid them. shares were suspended yester-day morning at 18p where a value of £1.3 million was placed In spite of the November fall, non-oil import volume was up November period, compared

with the previous three months. per cent on the corresponding period of 1983. The surplus on oil trade was £424 million in November, compared with £388 million in October. The monthly surplus has been halved during the coal brewing group.

The cumulative January-November current account deficit is £181 million, compared with a Treasury autumn statement forecast of zero for the full year.

Big majority opposed to Price Waterhouse merger

The rejection by partners in Australia and Canada, for the Price Waterhouse's British prac-tice of the proposed merger with Deloitte Haskins and Sells was between the two firms first more commenensive than has

previously been envisaged. It is understood that up to 80 er cent of PW's partners in the United Kingdom voted against the merger, thus vetoing the creation of the biggest accountancy firm in the world. While neither firm

officially confirm figures, the majority against the merger must have been substantial since the announcement of the Had voting been close, both to dissenting partners to try to four main countries, the United

firms had the facility to return convince them to give their support to obtain the 75 per cent majority required from the

Kingdom, the United States,

have resulted in a genuine merger of equals which PW's

policy team accepted. While these new proposals won the backing of all Deloitte's key partnerships throughout the world it proved impossible for the PW leadership in the United Kingdom to generate enough

emerged it was assumed that

resistance would come mainly

from Deloitte and in particular

the British practice where the

two firms are more equally

As The Times revealed on

Thursday, the initial proposals from Price Waterhouse

amounted to little more than a

takeover. Deloitte then offered

counter proposals which would

positioned than elsewhere.

By Jeremy Warner

group.

Dealing in the company's

on the whole group.

Tomatin of Inverness, which

owns Scotland's largest malt whisky distillery, was rescued from collapse nearly two years ago after a £3 million injection of capital by British and of capital by British and Commonwealth Shipping, Scot-tish Amicable and the Heineken

However, the expected up turn in the Scotch whisky market since then has failed to materialize and heavy losses have persisted. Last night. Tomatin direc-

tors, led by the chairman, Mr Anthony de Boer, were locked in discusions with their financial advisers, the merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson. It is believed that attempts were being made to bring in a partner to help support the group. Group losses in the first half

of this year soared to £1.1 million and the chairman said that there were still not signs of recovery in demand for new

"It is likely that this situation could continue through 1985 creating serious difficuties for the company and further substantial losses in the second half of this year. The board is considering ways in which the financial position of the compay can be strengthened," he said.

Tomatin has been hit harder than most other distillers by the fall off in demand for Scotch because most of its whisky is sold wholesale and it has therefore been severely affected by heavy destocking in the

The company's Inverness distillery has been working at less than 20 per cent capacity for several years.

World, encouraging entrepre-neurship in sub-Saharan Africa, and re-capitalising companies in Latin America, £12.3m takeover Aitken Hume, the financia services group, made an agreed £12.3 million bid for the shares

it dose not already own in Whittington, International, a property group. The terms are two Aitken shares for every 11 Whittington, valuing Whitting-ton shares at 25.5p. Aitken and its associates own about 14 per cent and have promises of acceptance from 38.2 per cent of th equity. The group insfalled new management in Whittington two years ago. Whitting-ton's shares firmed to 23p last night, while Aitken's price eased 5p to 136p.

Dutch deal

British Land and its Dutch partner, Wereldhave, have let the 500,000 sq ft De Bogaard centre in Rljswijk, near The Hague, to the Dutch govern-ment building service on a new 12-year lease with no break clauses. British Land and Wereldhave recently bought the British and Belgian property portfolios of The Rank Organis-ation for a total of £57.2

BHP higher Broken Hill Proprietry, Austra-

lia's biggest company, raised its interim net operating profits to A\$341m (\$244m) from A\$341m A\$282m. The dividend is 25 But BHP says that increased competition in all sectors will make it difficult to maintain this level of profitability. Utah, the coal operation bought from Electric, earned A\$62m. Utah made no contribution in the first half of last

TSI purchase Television Services Inter-

national, a USM-quoted film and video production company, lossmaking London video production group Molinare, which states it is under-capitalized and continuing to incur losses.

Japanese prefer foreign cars

By John Lawless

lapanese motorists have done a U-turn and are now said to prefer foreign cars. A survey of apanese consumer taste by the Hakuhodo Institute of Life and Living - just published by the Japan External Trade Organisation (Jerro) - says: "Youth had the greater desire for imports as a whole." But it immediately added: "Cars were among the most desired items for all ages." That news will come as a

surprise to the likes of BL who, until recently, faced the sort of tough testing for imported cars which formed a hidden trade barrier to imports. Japanese consumers were encouraged to want domestically-produced models and were happy to own them - but the survey suggests that vehicles from abroad have now regained the snob appeal they had more than a decade ago. However, Japanese car makers are still outselling their British competitors in the twoway trade in road vehicles by almost 60 to one.

British sales to Japan were worth just £13.7 million in the first nine months of this year, with vehicles ranking as our 19th best export. For Japan, vehicle exports to Britain were worth £725 million in that period - almost £300 million ahead of that country's second biggest selling item, telecommunications and sound equip-

Two-way business between the two countries topped £3.5 billion between January and September, but the year is certain to close with a Japanese trade surplus worth much more than that British sales have risen by 15.1 per cent, about four per cent more than imports

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partly in cash and partly through a share placing. Mr Shuck's solicitor, Mr Cyril Alfille, said he could not comment on the statement from Espley "at this stage". Expley shares were unchanged in the stock market at 13p.

dismissed

Espley Trust, the Midlands

director, and threatened legal

action after an investigation

into £3 million of land bought

in Scotland. Mr Shuck, who has

been suspended since October,

was running the company when

Espley's chairman, "company

doctor" Mr Ronnie Aitken said

yesterday the board had taken

advice of leading counsel and

had instructed its solicitors to

"institute proceedings against Mr Shuck and others".

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Dow takes early fall

New York (AP Dow-Jones). share moved lower in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3 points while the transportation index was down 31/2.

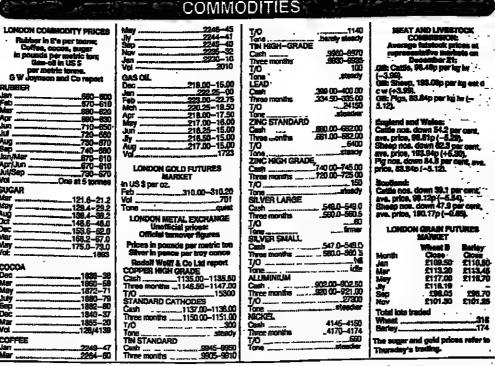
Mr James joyce, associate research director at Prescott Ball & Turben, said the economic news continued mixed with the morninig's durable goods orders showing surprising strength. He added that, most other recent releases, including capital spending and consumer prices, suggested continued slow growth. And interest rates were still showing a downward trend.

Market leaders remained firmily in the utilities and other defensive sectors, he said. International Business Ma

chines was unchanged at 122%, General Electric 56% un-changed, General Motors 76% down ¼ Teledyne 252¼ up 1. Texas Instruments 115¼ down Union Carbide 3714 up 1/4 Honeywell 61% down % and Digital Equipment 1081/2 down

Procter & Gamble was down 114 to 56%. Chicargo Milwaukee down 24 to 185½, Commodore International down 1½ to 19½, Federal Express down 1 at 321/s, ASA up 1½ to 47½, Tidewater up 3½ to 23½ and G, D, Searle up 114 to 63%.

Wang Laboratories class B stock was down % on the American exchange to 25% after a drop of 11/2 on Thursday when it was the most axtive issue.



Grovebell wins battle for Atlanta

By Philip Robinson

135p a share cash offer which

will close on January 8. The rest have accepted the 17 Grovebell shares plus 15p cash for every

The Atlanta board, headed by

Mr Anthony Cole, did not

respond in a formal share-holders' letter to Grovebell's

second offer before the bid was

declared unconditional. Guin-

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Mr Vasant Advani has won control of Atlanta Investment Trust His Grovebell Group announced yesterday that it now had acceptances for a £5.9 million takeover bid from holders of 50.52 per cent of the Atlanta shares. It has taken just two days for Mr Advant's two Atlanta shares held, increased offer to give him The Atlanta board, hea

On Thursday evening Grovebell had received acceptances from holders of 44.58 per cent of the ordinary shares and 8.59 per cent of the preference

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shares. Grovebell already has influence over 5.94 per cent.

Holders of 750,000 shares

Advisers said that the board would need time to consider it.

The Atlanta board described influence over 5.94 per cent.
Holders of 750,000 shares
have elected to take Grovebell's

The Atlanta board described
the first bid as "inadequate"

Atlanta's figures, released last week, showed pretax revenue for 1984 down from £285,000 to £170,000, Mr Cole said that this reflected the start-up costs of the group's financial services

group.

The bid was fiercly contested. In the early stages Atlanta took Statham Duff Stoop, Grovebell's stockbroker, to the High ness Mahon, its merchant bak Court

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD morning. It registered 9%

much of the session, though the shortage was of ne great proportions. Interbank onested on 9% - % per cent, then moved up to 9% - % per cent and held in that area for much of the

per cent in the afternoon, but turned somewhat easier towards the finish, dipping to 8 - 7 per cent and closing on a rather wide 9 - 6 per cent. the periods.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

foreign exchange markets, currency movements were contained within narrow bands.

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In much calmer conditions on currencies, including the Dmark at 3.6520 (3.6210), while its trade-weighted index at the final calculation reached 73.2 compared with 73.0 at Thurs-

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COMPANY NEWS

 ROTAPRINT: Results for 26 weeks to Sept. 29. No interim (nil).
 In spite of the historical improvement in the second half of each year, the size of this half year's loss makes it unrealistic to anticipate a profit consequence payment of arrears on the preference shares is not envisaged in the near future. (Figs in £000). Sales 7054. (7394). Trading loss 306 (loss 65). Pretax loss 443 (loss 165).

• BROKEN HILL: Group net operating profit \$A341.5 million (\$A282.5m) for balf-year to November 30. Turnover \$A3.46 billion (\$A2.56 billion). Investment and other income \$A83.7m (\$A51.7m). Earnings per \$1.00 share 37.7 cents (41.1). Previously announced and paid interim dividend 25 cents per \$2.00 share

(20). ● C A SPERATI (THE SPECIAL AGENCY): No dividend (nil) for year to Oct 31. Turnover £504,023 (£485,981). Pretax profit £15,973 (£5,147). Tax £100 (Cdt £304). EPS 15.87p (5.45p).

CHARTER TRUST AND AGENCY: Final 1.4p, making 2.15p (1.975p) for year to Nov 30. (Figs in £000). Gross investment income 2.758 (3.138). Other income 195 (143). Management and admit expenses 235 (218). Tax 881 (827). EPS 2.16p (1.99p).
INTL SIGNAL AND CONTROLE ISC's wholly naved Italian subsidi-INTL SIGNAL AND CONTROLE ISC's wholly owned Italian subsidiary, Findep, has agreed with Bastogi IRBS of Milan to purchase its wholly owned offshoot SLEL, which produces high-technology electronic communication systems for airborne, naval, land and space application. Findep will purchase SLEL for about £34 million cash and a further payment of up to about £1.8 million.

NORSK HYDRO is to acquire Borregaard's share in the Rafnes chlorine plant. Borregaard owns 50 per cent of the plant which was built

in 1974 as part of the Raines petrochemical complex. The acquisition is part of a plan to create a more efficient ownership structure for the Rafnes facilities. Borregaard is to receive Hydro's 22 per cent charpholdine in Nora Industries in part payment, while Borregaard will transfer its 10 per cent sharchold-ings in Securus Industrier to Hydro.

BLACKWOOD HODGE DIS-POSALs Terms have been agreed for the acquisition by Cummins Australia of the business of BFTs wholly owned subsidiary, Cummins Diesel Sales' and Services, which distributes and services the annual services. distributes and services the products of Cummins Engine in Australia. The Australian foreign investement, review board has consented. The expected consideration is \$A10.7m (£7.5m).

● BRUNNER INVESTMENT TRUST: Final 1.1p, making 2p (1.825) for year to Nov 30. (Figs in £000). Total income 3.059 (2,747). Total expenses 1,239 (867).

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CAPPOINTMENTS

Granada Television Inter-national Miss Vivien Wallace has joined the board. Hoggett Bowers: Owing to the death of Mr Brian Hoggett, Imperial Software Technisman, this position will be assumed by Mr John Feathers-been elected chairman and

Richards, Longstaff (Holdings): Mr J. H. Bacon and Mr J. E. Howard have been made directors of the aviation division of Richards, Longstaff (Insurance).

Samuel Montagn & Co. Mr Alan Reid, Mr Malcolm Savage, Mr Michael Stenning and Mr Lance Travellyan have been appointed executive directors. ICI: Mr J. Trevor Harrison has been made treasurer with cial director. effect from April 1 in succession .

to Mr John Crowe. Alexanders Discount: Mr Andrew Smith will be joining the board as managing director

director.

Biddle & Co: Mr M. A. S.

Winter, Mr H. G. Arthur, Mr
D. P. O'Connell and Mr G. R.

GEISCO. Mr Daniel Schultz has been appointed vice-president and general manager,

Coletex: Mr G R Steer has

been appointed financial directore and controller. Mr D J Digby Harper bocomes marketing director.

Oberon International: Dr Simon Hochhauser, has been made a non-executive director. Cathy Pacific Airways: Mr H B Olsen has become commer-

Munsell Consulting Engin-eers. Mr David Lee has been appointed chairman and Mr Paul Norman has become managing director.
John Laing: Mr Peter John-

from January 21.

The Liverpool Daily Post & Son is named finance director son is named finance director and director of John Laing plc.

Mr John A Renshaw is made chairman of O.C. Summers and SBD Construction Products.

The Savoy Hotel: Sir George Christie will join the board on

high-tech Italian Ilrin

By Jeremy Warner

International Signal & Control Group, the US defence, electronics and communications company whose shares are quoted in London, is making a \$39.4 million (£33.5 million) acquisition in Italy.

It has agreed to buy SI.EL.SPA, which produces high technology electronic com-munications systems for airborne, naval and space applications, from Bastogi of Milan. SI.EL. comprises three divisions employing more than 1,500 people. One division at Pemezia near Rome, manufactures high technology naval, airborne and land-based radio communications and electronic

warfare systems. A second, in Florence, is a leader in the Italian mobile telecommunications market for police and civilian applications and also produces radio systems _ for air traffic control.

The third in Milan, is involved in the research and development of integrated oata handling systems and scientific instruments for space vehicles.

In the year to the end of last December, the last period for which figures are available, SLEL made operating profits of US\$8.1 million (£6.9 million) on sales of \$68.9 million and pretax profits amound to \$3.4

Mr James Guerin, chairman of ISC, said: "This is an opportunity to bring into the group companies with a com-plete capability in research, Norther Europe Area.
Imperial Software Technology Mr Derek Mackaren has been elected chairman and succeeds Professor Manny Lehman.

development and manufacturing technologies in radio frequency range for space communications and electronic warfare applications.

Base Lending Rates

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over the shock of the company's

United Scientific Holdings

keeps up its strong run after

news earlier this week which

could boost the electronics group's status with the Ministry

of Defence. Mr Peter Levene.

chairman and managing direc-

tor of USH, has been appointed

Chief of Defence Procurement

by the Government. USH

shares rose another 5p to 248p yesterday, making a 20p gain in

John Waddington slid 10p lower to 470p, still trying to find a stable trading level after the

collapse recently of the bid from Mr Robert Maxwell, and the

subsequent sell-off of his 23 per

poor results a few days ago.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Tea is the toast as index falters

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Tea was the share flavour of flowed in the pre-Christmas £8,578,000 against £3,355,000 run-up, the shares of a batch of rose 18p to 333p. Camellia was little known tea companies

£10.25p and Western Dooars advanced 347p to £7.50p.

Behind the gains were sugges-tions that Carmellia Investments, which is headed by shy Canadian millionaire Mr Gordon Fox, had indirectly increased its shareholding in Assam and Western, two of its

The price paid was considerably above the then ruling stock narket level. Hence the upsurge in Assam and Western shares. Mr Fox's move is seen by some as indicating a re-rating of the entire tea sector. With such thoughts in mind the shares of Eastern Produce and Camellia

itself moved ahead.

Eastern, which following the But a late splash of new time up nearly £1 at £18.

Tea commodity prices have Assam Dooars jumped £5 to moved ahead strongly in the 0.25p and Western Dooars past year. Adverse weather conditions in tea growing lands have cut crops at a time when world wide demand is growing. Tea is still Britain's leading drink with two and a quarter cups consumed to every one cup of coffee.

> per cent of the Laurie Group, the plantation group which in turn has almost 50 per of both Assam and Western, Just to confuse matters even further Assam and Western have substantial stakes in each other. Away from the brew-up in tea plantation shares, the stock

market finished its Christmas

run-up account on a flat note.

the day in the stock market advance in tea prices recently buying lifted prices from their yesterday. As champagne announced interim profits of lowest-levels of the day. At the close the FT 30 share index was

> Cadbury-Schweppes shares lost some of their sweetness vesterday as City analysts heard of ver-than-expected confectionery sales this Christmas. the price slipped 3p to 153p as some purposeful selling was included in the general market downturn.

> down 6 points at 924.3 points and the FT-SE share index was 1,204.7 points, off 2.5 points. So shares ended what was a

> record breaking account looking breathless and uncertain. But trading was exceedingly thin. market men still expect the FT 30 share index to break through the 1,000 points mark

Behoock International drifted wonder if United Kingdom 3p lower to 145p following the Provident Institution is planning either to dispose of or build on its 22.75 per cent stake recent downgrading of profits forecasts from City analysis. But Westland, the West Counin Britannia. helicopter maker, regained

trouble, with market men still talking of chunky blocks of shares being off-loaded. In the course of the past week several million shares of the leading companies have been sold including four million of Shell and three million of Britoil.

and 5p adding to the gloom. Burmah tried to resist the trend and fell just 1p to 217p as City hopes of a takeover bid for the oil and industrial group

As disclosed in The Times on Thursday, Heron Corporation, led by Mr Gerald Ronson, has a stake in T I Group. "We think the shares are good value for would not comment on his plans for the holding, other than to say Heron is believed to have roughly 3.9 per cent of T I, well below the level at which Mr Ronson would have to formally

that he has 2.26 per cent of the

declare his interest.

Neill has asked Mr Moran if

At Fairline Boats, chairman and managing director Mr Sam Newington added anoter 20,000 shares to his own 928,090 holding, and the price re-sponded with a 3p rise to 53p. Mr Newington and his family controls nearly 70 per cent of

Oil shares were again in

Price falls over the period have been double-figure, with

money", said Mr Ronson, but he was for investment purposes.

Shares in James Neill Hold ings jumped 11p to 136p as Mr Christopher Moran announced Sheffield-based steel company. Mr. Moran also has il per cent of Suter, which in turn now holds a further 11.99 per cent of James Neill.

he is acting in concert with any third party in his recent share purchases. Suter recently won its bid battle for Francis Industries.

TEMPUS

How the Bank organized the gilt market in 1984

was a year for the connoisseur. To the itinerant punter, not a lot happened. The yield curve remained remarkably stable.

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But for the professionals it was different. The year proved to be an exceptionally tricky one, when making money was really hard. And right at the centre of the whole market, the largest and oldest player of all -the Bank of England - found itself saddled with a well-nigh impossible task - the successful flotation of British Telecom.

The Bank faced a specific roblem over British Telecom. It needed a stable equity market, and reasonable yield hopes, to get the corporate monster airborne. By definition, therefore, the Bank was obliged to pummel the gilt market into a reasonable state of optimism.

Simultaneously, a number of quite critical factors threatened to tear sentiment apart throughout the year. The Opec-US axis exemplifies this. Fears that Opec was on the point of breaking up threatened to drive sterling down on oil price worries. At the same time, the growth in US gdp affected the British rate structure, and pushed the currency ahead.

The apparently nonchalant approach of the politicians did not help. The shock announcement, overnight, that building societies would be taxed on capital gains devastated the hort end of the gilt market. On February 24, low coupon shorts fell by 2 points, as the societies rushed to sell. A heavily front-end loaded PSBR for fiscal 1984-85 put extra pressure on the funding programme at a critical phase in

the spring. Industrial unrest throughout the year, as the miners' strike dragged on. The market periodically panicked. The quality of official statistics slumped, in line with the progressive deterioration in the

benchmarks grew. Finally, would the insti- backing off,

tutions actually have enough cash to buy the stock, when the countervailing appeal of the US markėt?

invoked, proscribing tutions from investing abroad. to nearly 50 per cent of total cash flow for institutions.

Reserves barely changed throughout the year. Perhaps the frequent issue of Foura stocks-free of tax to overseas residents-may have helped. In broad terms, this was the first time such stocks had been issued since 1977.

The Bank was obliged to run a heavy funding programme, not least because of the expansionary contribution to the monetary aggregates of bank lending. The bulk of debt sales were affected through taplets, sold direct into the market. This enabled the Bank to avoid pricing the market, as a conventional issue would. But in each quarter, the Bank relieved the bear market construction which taplets create by making at most two

conventional issues. The strategy virtually fell apart in mid-summer. Bad money supply figures, and fears the US growth rate combined to hit sterling and oblige a protective move in interest rates from 94 per cent to T2 per cent. Short yields peaked at 13%

As Mr Stephen Lewis, of Phillips & Drew, points out. comparisons between indexlinked and conventional gilts of similar maturities reveal rising real returns in the spring, peaking on July 30 at 5.27 per cent. The risk premium in gilts, soared to around 2.45 (March;

Thereafter, and until the BT floatation on November 28, time was ripe, given the relations between the authorities and the market changed. The Bank massaged interest The Bank solved these problems fairly systematically. Some form of exchange controls may well have been points out that this was the best and perhaps only time in the whole year, when the pro-fessionals could make some money. The Americans helped by easing their tough monetary stance ahead of the presidential

> By degrees, however, it became clear that the authorities' way out of their policy achieved via depreciation of the currency, Sterling sagged about eight points on the trade-weighted, after May.

The authorities stepped up their sales of index-linked stock, neglected at the start of the year, as inflation hopes were high. Nevertheless, real returns kept rising, Plainly, the authorities succeeded in their task only with the tacit consent of the market, after the midsummer collapse.

involved in holding the market together before BT explains the subsequent collapse. It also tion over Johnson Mattey - a run on the banks would have -ee and goes some way toward rationalizing the growth in the bill mountian, up over the year by £3 billion. This is the balancing item for all the paper deals elsewhere.

But just as Johnson Matthey has damaged the Bank in the public's eyes, so too has the growth in the bill mountain driven the authorities far closer for comfort to the clearers. Perhaps 1985 will reveal how the Old Lady extricated herself

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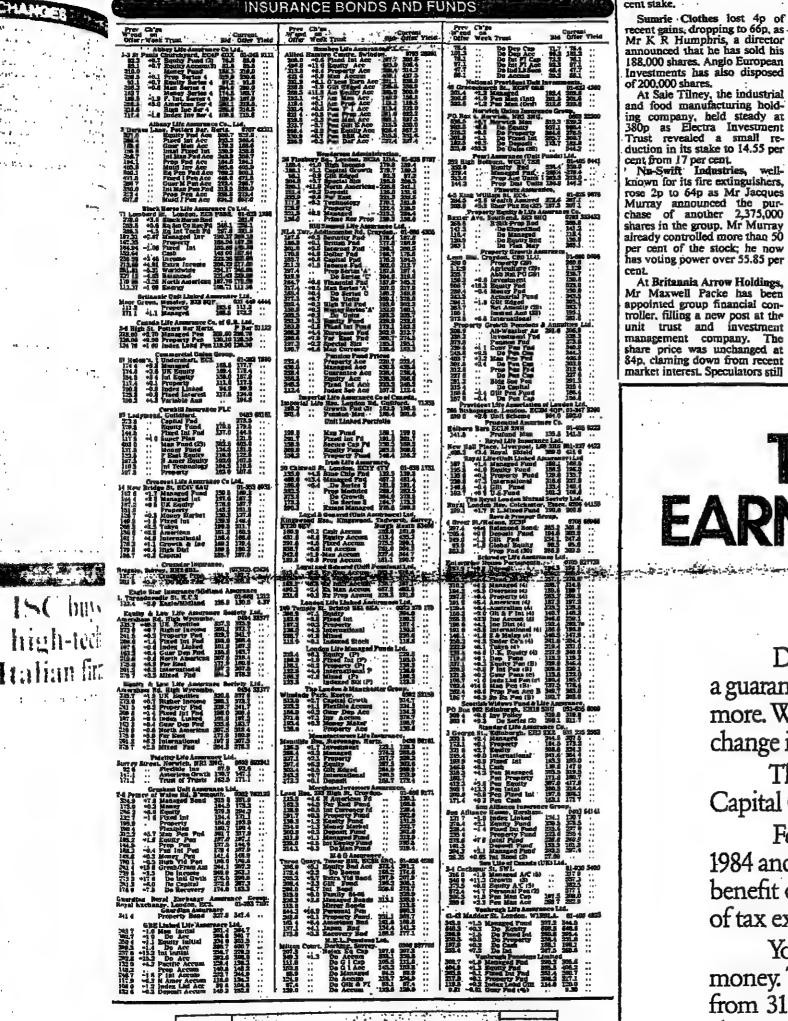
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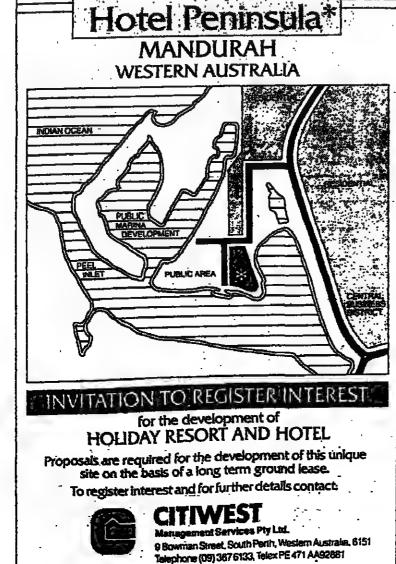
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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

BOOKS

Pick of finance guides

One of the standard letters which every editor of a family finance page receives from time to time is: "Can you please recommend some good books on money/investment/tax/insu-rance, and the like?"

So, killing two birds with one stone, here is my selection which can also double as

Top of the list must be the Hamiro Tax Guide (Oyez Longman £12,20), the most constantly referred to book, easy t understand, comprehen-

sive and concise.

For a readable and general view of personal finance you can't beat the 1984-5 edition of the Which Book of Maney (Consumers' Association £12.95) which covers everything from appealing against your rates to buying a house and insuring your life.

The third choice will cost you nothing at all as it is available free from National Savings Called Investing in National Savings, it contains everything you could possibly want to know about the terms and conditions of all the National Savings securities on offer, as well as the information on back issues of National Savings certificates.

SEAS TABLE

If you have ever had to help elderly person with his finances then you could probably do with a copy of National Welfare Benefits Handbook (Child Poverty Action Group £3.50), which gives details of supplementary benefit, family income supplement, healthin benefits, housing and education benefits, and its sister publication, Rights Guides to Non-Means-Tested Social Security Benefits (Child Poverty Action Group £3.50),

Finally, with pensions so much in everyone's mind, the Allied Hambro Pensions Guide (Oyez Longman £11,95) is a comprehensive review of selfemployed and occupational pensions schemes.

TSB

Bargain buy in the high street

Our advice not to delay up with some real teasers - just the thing to stop the brain opening an account with the cells atrophying after the Christmas port. 1) could not have been more imely, with the TSB announcing this week the cut-off date of December 17 for eligibility for any preferential share offer.

stake in the TSB could be well worth having. Since the TSBs have no share capital, every £1 subscribed in the offer for sale will go straight into the banks' coffers and improve its asset backing by the same amount, Which means whatever the flotation price, you will effectively be buying the shares

On top of that, TSB has no exposure to foreign loans, is substantially underlent by comparison with the other high street banks and has the security of its long-standing savings and deposit base on which to build new business.

Add to this its friendlier mage, huge network of 1,600 branches and 6 million personal account customers, and you have the basis of a highly profitable business. Definitely a

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Children's bonus

More than 5,000 children have taken advantage of Yorkshire Building Society's offer of a £2.50 cash borius when the balance in the account reaches

Yorkshire's philosophy is to give cash bonuses rather than offer gimmicks and its Future Key Account is designed to give children an incentive to save. When he opens an account the child (who his to be under 16) receives a special passbook containing the 22.50 vouchers which can be claimed when the balance reaches £50, £100, £250 and £500. Some 7.000 accounts have been

some 7,000 accounts have open opened since Future Key was launched in the summer and, of these 7,000 children, more than 5,000 have already qualified for at least one bonus voucher. Future Key currently pays the staridard building society ordinary share account rate of 6,75 per cent.

rate of 6.75 per cent.
Details from: Yorkshire Building
Society, PO Box 66, Yorkshire House,
Westgate, Bradford, West Yorkshire.
BD1 2AU, Tel; (0274) 734822.

Medical cover

A surprisingly large proportion of holidaymakers still go abroad without taking medical insurance. Yet even a minor accident can cost you several thousand pounds if you need hospital

Th Automobile Association's Travelsure policy offers comprehensive benefits at a reasonable cost and it has. just been revamped to provide up to £1 million worth of medical insurance.

Up to 17 days' cover worldwide works out at £23.10 per person with the cost reducing substantially for European travellers, down to £10.95.

Personal belongings are covered for up to £1,000, cancellation up to £3,000, money up to £250 and parsonal liability up to £250,000. There is also a 25 per cent discount for children aged from. three to 14 accompanied by an insured adult and the under-threes are covered free. Full details from AA centres throughout the country.

Loans in store

Next time you nip into British Home Stores keep your eye open for the Anglia Building Society/Boston Trust and Savings in store financial centre. While you are buying your handkerchiefs you. can fix up a home loan with the Anglia or obtain a personal loan from Boston Trust

& Savings for a new car.
The first of these new financial centres is scheduled to open in the spring with a total of seven test locations being planned by the end of 1985. Mr Tony Stoughton-Harris, chief general manager of the Anglia sald: "British Home Stores of the Anglea said: "Entire Home Stoles is exploring new frontiers in retailing by introducing financial centres into their stores. Anglea, itself in the retailing business, will be taking full advantage of this opportunity to join with Boston and BHS in this venture."

The Christmas Money Quiz



Don't let the beard fool you, I'm not due for retirement until 1995

Shares warning

A caution to all British Telecom shareholders planning to sell their shares through one of the high street banks; it may cost more than you expect. The brokerage fee on selling BT shares through a bank is the same as selling through a stockbroker, but some banks add a handling charge.

One of our readers told us that when he used Midland to sell his shares he

was charged an extra 25 plus 75p VAT as a transaction charge. He understood from Midland that the charge had been introduced in September. But Midland

told us that the handling charge was entirely at the branch manager's

Bardays also charges for share dealings: £5 plus VAT on all deals of less than £1,500. NatWest charges on share deals, but it has made an exception for BT shares and is not charging on them.
Clearly, before selling your shares through your bank it pays to check on their charges first – or change banks.

Liquidation agreed

Invastors in the failed licensed deposit taker, Eastcheap investments Limited, who have nearly £1 million at risk, heard this week that the company is to be formally wound up. At a court hearing on Tuesday an application to liquidate the company was approved and there will be a creditors' meeting in February.

Some £800,000 of investors' money is at stake with an estimated £200,000

at stake with an estimated £200,000 owed to other creditors. Most of the money on deposit seems to have been lent to property and finance companies and it may take a considerable time for the liquidator to realize these assets.

Meanwhile, one of the investors stands to lose £125,000, the entire sale oceeds of the family home.

Aid for Band Aid

Unsolicited donations totalling £5,000 have been received by Stoy Hayward, accountants to the trustees behind the

chart-topping Band Aid charity record "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

The biggest single donation of £4,000 was raised by Swanwick Hall Comprehensive School in Derbyshire.

The rest came from individual members of the public, Stoy Hayward is joining the many artists, record producers, dealers and others by giving its services free.

Bargain of '84

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Investment bergain of the year must be the National Savings Yearly Plan – on offer at all post offices and still paying the princely return of 9.06 per cent taxfree over the five-year term. The appeal of this scheme is that, like savings certificates, the Interest paid does not vary after you have Joined. The yearly plan is a 12-month savings scheme, at the end of which your cash is turned into a four-year savings certificate. The overall return on the maximum investment of £100 a month is £1,761 for an investment of £1,200, Details from

Free offer at Lloyds

Lloyds Bank has joined the Midland and Barclays in offering free banking for retired customers who keep their account in credit. The new terms are effective immediately and apply to joint accounts where one account holder is retired. Eligible customers should apply to their branch manager,

Women at work

Do you feel that you are being denied promotion at work because you are a woman? Women in Business is the title of a three-day conference being organized by Management Centre Europe at the Portman Hotel, London, from May 9 to 10. "The conference has been created to examine the additional challenges and obstacles that women face in the increasingly competitive business environment, says the promotional literature.

The conference which will be held under the chairmanship of Ms Audrey Slaughter, editor and founder of the new magazine Working Women, costs £320 for the three days including meals and accommodation plus 55,000 Belgian francs (£746) for the participation fee. Details from Management Centre Europe, Rue Caroly 15, B-1040 Brussels. Belgium. Tel: 32-2-518-19-11.

Savers' club

Woolwich For Kids account - with automatic club membership – aims to provide the under-12s with an introduction to saving together with a free magazine, stamp album and stamps and a birthday card each year, it could be a good idea if you have run out of Cirristmas present ideas. Gift cheques are also available from Woolwich branches.

remarkable wine considering

tawny - with a stoneware jar of

both the subject of a lovely

offered by Ellis Son and Vidler

including Old East India at £5.59 for laying down and

important new wine publi-cations: The Wines of Chablis,

Finally, do not forget several

enjoying a decade hence.

Last-minute presents to cheer the festive spirit

cellar them at £2.07 per dozen

£2.35, but take out additional

port at £9.10 and forward

Delaforce 1970 at £11.45, both

including VAT. Its champagnes

should let in the new year well -

either a "Buyer's Own Brand"

like Lambert Extra Dry at

£5.99, which is exceptional

Dominic, part of Grand Metro-

1975 from St Estephe.

The bouvant wine trade has several special offers.

One of the best selections comes from Hawkins and Nurick (31F High Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6AH).

Hawkins and Nurick also

has six varied cases.

Gascogne. Green's has several more

vintages including d'Angludet Château Musar 1977 at £4.99 from Margaux and Beau Site from the Lebanon - a truly

The same firm offers a the production difficulties in

vintage claret mix, containing that country.

two bottles of six different 1974—
78 wines, for £46.50. The Berry combined wine and food Bros. and Rudd list rec
selection. Ellis Son and Vidler (Cliffe Collars Cliffe Ferare)

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to purchase case quantities of Sussex BN8 6JL) offers "The those most enjoyed. It will also Sublime Port" - a fine old

bottles, rising on January 1st to blue stilton for £14. Madeira,

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Probably the most extensive £10.90 semi-glazed cover) and a quality chain is Peter Dominic. fine winter wine, goes well with Look for Graham 1975 vintage festive fare. A good selection is

They say you can never have too much of a good thing and this is certainly true of fine wines which are always welcome gifts at this time of year. CONAL GREGORY has been looking at what is available, both for drinking now or for laying down.

encouraged merchants to make

independent merchant, with discounts on 10 cases and more. It offers Joseph Perre champagne per magnum of the Cuvee Royal Brut at £14.96, two bottles of the same at £17.65, or on bottle of both the non-vintage Brut and 1979 with four glasses for £19.75.

lists packs of Armagnac Lasser-single, three star and VSOP, surely the most undervalued quality spirit of France. A speciality 1953 Pays d'Auge calvados from the House of Morice answers the problem of the wine and spirit lover who has practically everything. For Burgandy, it offers a three-bot-tle pack of chablis from two estates at £14.95.

Green's of 34 Royal Exchange, London, EC3V 3LP.

The Vintner's Choice at £14.50 consists of four different grape varieties and can double as a guessing game over the festive season: Syrah 1981 from the Ardeche, Gamay 1981 from Beaujolais, Trimbach's Pinot Blanc 1979 from Alsace, and Colombard from the Côtes de

illustrious packs, as well as - for the lover of fortified wines single bottles of Green's Amontillado sherry and Finest Old Wood port - delicious with walnuts before the fire on Boxing Day. This two-bottle selection costs £10.15.

Berry Bros. and Rudd (3 St James's Street, London, SWIA IEG) offers sampling cases. which are an excellent idea for the new wine investor. There are 10 on offer, such as the "commune" case: an opportunity to taste six of the bestknown Bordeaux communes for

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value, or a marque, like Charles Heidsleck Rosé 1979 at £9.89 for slight colour. For a woody style to accompany game, try Vinicola Ribalonga's Dao at £2.19 from

by Rosemary George (Sotheby, £14.95), Wines of the Riola by the Spanish expert, Jan Read (Sotheby, £15.95) and French Fine Wines by Steven Spurrier (Willow Books, £5.95). They will enhance any wine lover's politan, Fontanafredda's Barolo library.

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UNAUDITED HISTORICAL COST RESULTS
1/2 YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1984

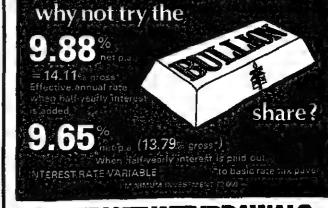
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| Turnover: Continuing operations Operations discontinued or sold | 1984 EK 6,184 | 1983 EK 4,740 1,154 |
| | 6,184 | 5,894 |
| Operating profit/(loss) Continuing operations Operations discontinued or sold | 874 | 425 (57) |
| Interest payable net | 874 (57) | 368 (22) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 817 (248) | 346 (26) |
| Extraordinary income/(charges) | 569 21 | 320 (388) |
| Profit/(loss) for financial period attributable to shareholders | 690 (86) | (68) |
| | 504 | (68) |
| Earnings per share | 2.42p | 1.47p |
| Extract from Chairman's Interim State | ement | |

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation for the half year under review of \$817,000 is more than double that for the corresponding period of the previous year as well as double that for the whole of the lest financial year. This was echieved by better housekeeping in all divisions as well as investment profits of £298,000.

In view of the good progress of the Group to date, your directors are

pleased to announce a resumption of dividend payments, declaring an interim dividend of 0.5p gross. The net amount of 0.35p per ordinary share will be paid on 15 January 1985 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 31 December 1984.

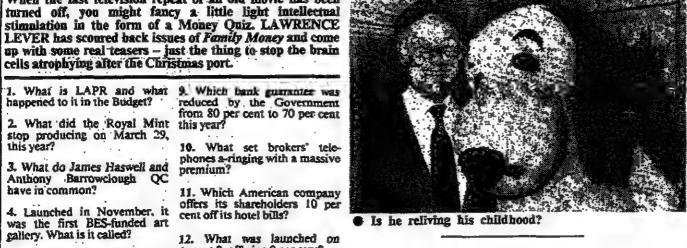
The hotels and holiday village part of the Group's business is seasonal and the major contribution comes in the first half. However, the second half of the financial year has started well.



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Shares and deposits in the Society are Trustee Investments Members of the Building Societies' Association and Investors' Protection Schame.



11. Which American company offers its shareholders 10 per

4. Launched in November, it cent off its hotel bills? was the first BES-funded art

reduced by the Government

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When the last television repeat of an old movie has been

1. What is LAPR and what 9. Which bank gurranter was

happened to it in the Budget?

stop producing on March 29,

3. What do James Haswell and

Anthony Barrowclough

gallery. What is it called?

Budget. What were they?

have what in common?

much anxiety?

have in common?

this year?

2. What did the Royal Mint this year?

August 8, offering 9 per cent? 5. Two reductions from 75 per Why did a house in cent to 60 per cent followed as a consequence of this year's Streatham, London, cost only

14. Who pays interest gross but 6. Which late comedian's wife challenged his will in the High Court in May? will shortly be paying net?

15. What might DZ 80 9999 be?

7. Vantage. Budget and Excel 16. Who lost her American Express card while hanging upside down? 8. Why did travelling cause the National Union of Students

17: Which credit card company recently introduced a scheme to

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cover holiday collapses but did 21. Which insurance company not plug the gap? 18. Which building society

launched a property service promising reductions in estate agents' commission? 19. What tax did some astute

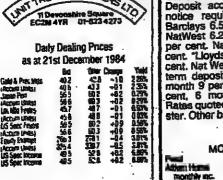
solicitors manage to save

20. Which building society's perk was a snip at the price and

23. Why was June 1 a special date for many homeowners?

24. Who invested £70,000 and

a cut above those of its rivals? FAMILY MONEY MARKET



Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - seven days notice required for withdrawals. Barclays 6.5 per cent, Lloyds and NatWest 6.25 per cent, Midland 6 NatWest 6.25 per cent, Middand of per cent. National Girobank 7 per cent. **TLoyds extra interest 9.5 per cent. Nat West 8.25 per cent. Fixed term deposits \$10,000-224,998, 1 month 9 per cent, 3 months 9 per cent. 6 months 8.875 per cent. Rates quoted by National Westminster. Other banks may differ.

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National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - interest 6 per cant on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per cent investment Account - 11 1/4 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, months notice of National Savings Income Bond Min. investment £2,000 - max. £50,000. Interest - 12.75 per cent reducing to 12 per cent from 2nd January - paid monthly without deduction of tex. Repayment at 3 months notice. Penalties in first

National Savings Certificates
29th issue. Return totally free of
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equivalent to an armual interest cent, maximum Investment 95,000. National Savings Yearly Plan one year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Minimum 220, Maximum £100 a month. Return over five years 9.06 per cent - tax free. Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax.

2 years Capital Life 7.75 per cent. 3 years New Direction Finance 8.3 per cent. 4 years New Direction Finance 8.5 per cent. 5 years New Direction Finance 8.75 per cent. Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments,

interest quoted gross (basic rate

changed its mind after criticism

in The Times Family Money

22. What do DAS, Hambro Housley and IRPC have in

tax deducted at source reclaimable tax deduced at source recalinate by non-tax payers), 1 yr Neath 10 per cent. 2 yrs Kent 10½ per cent. 3 yrs Neath 10½ per cent. 4-5 Bournemouth 10¾ per cent. 6-7 yrs Edinburgh 11 per cent. 8-10 yrs Northampton 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered institute of Public, Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (638 6361 between 10am and 2.30pm) see also on Prestel no 24808.

Ordinary share accounts - 5.75 per usually pay 1 per cent over the

November RPI: 341.9.

Answers to the Money Quiz

15. This could be the last £1 note to 16. Lorna Bourke, Family Money editor of The Times, who lost her card on a rocket ride at Utah State

does not cover travel agent failure. Service was launched at and includes a free transfer to the best room available.

> charges. 19. Stamp duty, by exploiting a loopholo in the Stamp Act which exempted agreements for leases over 35 years from stamp duty. The loophole was closed in the Budget. to whether it was valid in the first

28. The Town and Country Building Society offered a pair of garden

shears to investors in their ordinary share account.

out after the Air Florida collapse on the grounds that the airline's Chapter 11 bankruptcy did not come within the strict letter of its

23. After this date VAT was charged on home improvements 24. Michael Goldie, the Coronation

22. They all offer legal expenses

Answer to picture quiz

• (See The Times, June 30). No Mr Harry Chadwick, general manager of the Bristol & West Building Society, is promoting the society's Snoopy account for young

higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. withdrawal, maximum investment 250,000. HARVARD RECORD PROFIT OF £1.25M Life assurance premium relief 8. Alterations in the roles governing which was abolished for all bar the claims for students travelling

1983 Increase 1984 % £'000 29,369 27 37,165 Turnover 64 766 1,258 Pre-Tax profit 17 Earnings per share . 4.05p

Highlights from the Chairman's Statement. "I am very pleased to welcome all new shareholders in Harvard Securities Group PLC. We have exceeded our profit estimate as stated in our prospectus of October 1984. I strongly believe that we are well placed to take full advantage of the 'remaissance' in the City

Tom Wilmot - Chairman and Managing Director A copy of the full report and accounts is available from the Company Secretary, Harvard Securities Group PLC, Harvard House, 42-44 Dalben Street, London SEI OUQ. Telephone: 01-928 2109.

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ediate future with confidence.

self-employed in the budget. 2. The halfpenny piece (worth 1.2 old pence for those that can

3. They are both Ombudsmen, Mr lames Haswell is the Insurance Ombudsman, while Mr Barrowc-ough is the Parliamentary Com-4. Connaught Brown pic - the idea of the solicitor and art dealer Anthony Brown, aged 29.

5. The maximum rate of capital transfer tax payable on death, and the maximum tax relief attainable from BES investments, both dropped by this amount. 6. Dick Emery's widow disputed the provisions in his will which benefitted his mistress. She had to contribute to the costs of the case because she had previously refused an offer of settlment indentical to

the judge's ultimate decision.

7. All were tour operators which

expenses were fiercely opposed by the Natinonal Union of Students. 9. The Government's loan guarantee scheme, whereby a certain percentage of the amount of a bank

loan to a small business in nteed by the Government. 10. British Telecom shares which opened on the market at a premium of 43p on a 50p partly-paid share. 11. Ramada lims, the perk is available to British investors as well

12. The 28th Issue of National Savings Certificates: it prompted a deluge of investors to switch their building society money. 13. This was the value of the

freehold of the building already occupied by tenunts. Apart from ground rental income the £500 investment held out the hope of capital from lease renegotiations. 14. The cleaning banks who will next

18. The Abbey National Property beginning of this year. Abbey borrowers could transfer their mortgage to buyers, and were entitled to a 10 per cent reduction in

21. The Insurance Corporation of

Street actor, lost this money through commodity futures dealings with the broker Merrill Lynch.

Bates and Maxwell help save Southend

Robert Maxwell the Oxford United chairman and his Chelsea counterpart, Ken Bates, have loaned Southend United the money they need to save them from bankruptcy proceed-ings. Mr Maxwell and Mr Bates have joined forces to come up with the £70,000 which Southend needed to repay their supporters from the club's Christmas savings fund.

The Football League, whose rules prevent any individual having interests in more than one club, have approved the loan and Mr Maxwell said be did not want to become involved in Southend's affairs. "We have done this because it is Christmas and because it is our way of wishing soccer fans everywhere a happy Christmas and a successful 1985," Mr Maxwell

Andy Williamson, speaking for the Football League, said: "If the donation has gone direct to the supporters' loan club. which has nothing to do officially with Southend FC and is a separate entity, then the involvement of the two men does not conflict with League regu-

Southend were one of three clubs found guilty of breaking these rules last week because of their connection with Anton

The club had been told that they had until six o'clock last night to find the £70,000 or they would be facing bankruptcy proceedings. The loan club protest group had issued the directors with a solicitor's letter containing the deadline warn-

Bobby Moore, the Southend manager, said: "It shows the spirit of Christmas can still be found in the game. No words can be expressed how we feel about these friends of ours and the game have done. We could

not be more delighted."

The Southend players had earlier in the day collected wages for the first time in three weeks following a second loan from the Professional Footbal-lers' Association. The PFA had previously loaned the club £25,000 and a further sum of



Warm heads and hearts:



Dutch chase first points

Nicosia (Reuter) - The Nether-lands, without a point at the foot of their World Cup qualifying group, must beat Cyprus here tomorrow to have any chance of palying in the 1986 finals in Mexico.

The Dutch, who finished runners-

p in 1974 and 1978 finals, have lost both their qualifying group five matches, against Hungary and Austria. Their only realists hope of reaching Mexico is to finish second is the group and win a play-off.

City sights: Williams (left) and Nicholas may return to the first division fray in London today Feast days to end Everton famine

Traditionally. Christmas makes a crucial judgement on a team's strength and its ability to last the championship course. This season, however, several of the contenders might still be involved come late afternoon

on New Year's Day.

I will hazard a guess, though, that those other Merseysiders, Everton, who last won the championship 25 years ago, will still have their noses in front at the end of the festivities. The omens would be good for them if they were to deteat Chelsea Twice in the three seasons that three points have been awarded for a win, the leaders immediately before Christmas have gone on to win

Everton compare quite favourably for once with their more famous cousins, the 15 times

over Celtic and Rangers as the oldest and deadliest protagonists in

Scottish football meet yet again at Parkhead today, but the worries of

the clubs will not prevent this match turning as usual into the most

dramatic on the premier division

attractive, such is the tension, atmosphere and will to win of the

encounter has overtones of a battle royal. With all concerned firmly convinced that this remains the

most important match of all.

Celtic's fear of a ban in Europe and

worry that they are four points adult of the league leaders and Rangers' despression over dreary

Celtic start as favourites because

they are sharper in attack and more stylish in midfield, even though

there are question marks over the

their captain, Paterson, and Daw-

Although Celtic, who are un-beaten at home in 27 League outings, will be without McAdam, their central defender, hopes are

high that the skilful Burns will

high that the skillul Burns will return to midfield. Whether Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen manager, is right when he asserts that Celtic-Rangers games are tame affairs compared with the matches between his club and

form will be forgotten.

son, who are suspended.

Even if the football is seldom

games. Last season at the same stage, Liverpool had 37 points from 18 games; in 1982 thay had 40 points from 18 games; and in 1981 24 points from 16 games. Swansea City were the Christmas leaders then, which is not such a good omen.

None of Everton's rivals, however, have a more fulsome quartet of matches. A trip to Roker Park on Boxing Day is the sort of fixture anyone would dread. Sunderland, who also play Tottenham Hotspur during the holidays and Liverpool and Southampton in the coming weeks, could have a loud say in championship matters.

Everton, who have Bailey at left back for the suspended Van Den Hauwe today and Boxing The word "leaders" is usually Day, should be in the right synonymous with Liverpool mood after last week's drubbing of Nottingham Forest. "I'm happy with the way things have developed in the last couple of League champions. If Everton months and I feel our only poor triumph today they will have performance was at Norwich",

They meet today at Pittodrie and,

although United showed last week

that they have fully recovered from their disappointment of losing to Manchester United in the UEFA

Cup, they may not be strong enough

to halt the majestic progress of

Harris in peril

at Aldershot

Ron Harris, Aldershot's manager, vesterday replied to a claim by the former chairman, Reg Driver, that he will be dismissed by the end of

January.
Driver has regained 51 per cent of

shares and is preparing to recapture the board room. He said on Thursday, "We reinstate Len Walker with total control for the team. As I see it Ron Harris will be intemployed."

Harris said, "All I am concerned

with is getting things right on the pitch. My contract is a personal matter. Mr Driver is doing all the talking, but I certainly don't think

he will be back in power in

Old firm debit side

swept under carpet

Howard Kendall, the manager. The holiday fixture should tell much about Everton's ability to sustain their efforts without the bubbly Heath until the end of the season. Gray is currently the man keeping Kendall from dipping too carnestly into the transfer

Southampton, have a tough programme, may recall Jones for Rougvie, who has influenza. Manchester United, who will go to Chelsea next Saturday in some trepidation, gently case themselves into the merriment with matches against Ipswich Town and Stoke City. Hughes, their joint top scorer, has

common with Everton and

returned to partner Stapleton. London stands by today for a sighting of those long lost stars. Nicholas and Williams. Their appearances would welcome excuse to avoid the congestion in Oxford Street. Football managers, unlike the rest of us.

buying at this time of the year, so it might make sense to put Williams back into the shop window if Southampton aim to obtain even their reduced price of £600,000 for him. Lawrie McMenemy could also bring back Williams's equally restless colleague, Wright, against West Ham United but, with injuries to Whitlock and Jordan, the Southampton manager deferred his selection. Nicholas's return against

Watford after an absence of three matches is far more likely, though. But, as Davis has suffered a groin injury, the fact would not be lost on the sybaritic Scot that it would not be enrely on merit. He scored twice at Watford in September and a frenzied derby atmos-phere may suit his natural gifts. O'Leary is fit but Sansom requires a test. Rostron has recovered from his knee injury to lead Watford against the club with whom he made his name.

Porto's bid for Steel meets rejection

offer from FC Porto, the Portuguese first division side, for Jim Steel, their top scorer. The Wrexham chairman, Pryce Griffiths, described the offer as "ridiculously low – an insult to both the club and the player. They would have at least to treble the price before we'd even think of corting with Steal." offer from FC Porto, the Portuguese think of parting with Steel."

The Scottish centre forward cost

United may be without Sturrock, The Scottish centre forward cost Wrexham £10,000 from Port Vale just over a year ago and it was his first-leg goal that set Wrexham up for victory over Porto in the European Cup Winners' Cup in October.

Lennic Lawrence, the Charlton manager, believes he has made his most important venture into the transfer market with vesterday's their international forward, but Aben international forward, but Aberdeen are heartened by the news that their injured pair, Black and Weir, have a good chance of playing. They will be without McLeish.

transfer market with yesterday's signing of Alan Curbishley form Aston Villa. A former West Ham and Birmingham midfield player, Curbishly moved to the Valley for 535,000. "We still need several more fresh faces and Alan's decision to move out of the first division could influence other players to come here." Lawrence said.

Crystal Palace want to keep Peter Nicholas, the international

midfield player. The club chairman, Ron Noades, insisted today that Palace, bedevilled by financial problems a few months ago, do not need to sell Nicholas to Sheffield United to balance the books. ■ Ken McNaught, West Bromwich Albion's Scottish defender, today

season. He has become increasingly distilusioned at Albion, saying he was "an outcast" there. Norwich City are delaying a decision on their tire-damaged main stand until the New Year.



Curbishley: £35,000 signing

unable to win a first-team place this

replace the current £5.2 million two-

If both companies were given Sunday screenings there would be a more settled look to League programming and live games after rather than before the main Saturday programme are thought to have less effect on other attendance

es.

The number of matches will be a controversial issue, for if the number is raised from the present number is raised from the present five per channel to a suggested seven or eight each, then with the addition of five live FA Cup ties the non-terrace public would have a match per formight.

Charmen of the clubs featured most often in the live screenings are

also expected to argue for a larger share of the cash, although experience has now taught them how to attract the maximum advertising revenue

One ground that has yet to be a collector's item

One Christmas I was sent to

evening."
"No, no. It kicked off at three, I The moraing papers gave an evening kick-off, and so I travelled The referee, then, must have been

"Who won?" I asked, lugubriously.
"Sorry, I couldn't tell you that. I was on duty - had to leave before the end, see. But I think the Scarlets were leading."

I felt vaguely relieved. I did not need a hotel now because I could return to London that night, but I return to London that night, out at did need something to eat, and at last I found a pub, bought ham sandwiches and an orange juice, and, from my corner, overheard

"Fortness of war, old chap," the office said when I reached them on the phone after half an hour of trying, and they wished me a happy new year. But I was sorry not to have seen Stradey Park, for I "collect"

RUGBY UNION Wales may sidestep obvious choice by elevating Ackerman

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Four Weigh players sat down to buich together at Twickenham in September on the eve of the game between an England XV and their hetween ar England XV and their President's team. The quartet, all established members of the side, were discussing the amosphere in the Welsh squad and were agreed that it was happy and that prospects for the season seemed good.

How times change. Of that quartet Watkins, then acknowledged as an inspirational leader, has now resigned the captaincy. Stephens, the Bridgend prom. has been

The champions reached their highest position in the League so far this season when they jumped four places into fifth in the table with a challenging performance in London the Bridgend prop. has been incapacitated by injury; Perkins and incapacitated by injury, Perkins and Ackerman were part of a Weish team which, whatever its short-comings in terms of individual match fitness, was hambled by Australia last month.

Watkins, aged 32, retired on Thursday from international rugby after winning four caps, all as captain, the last of them against Australia. That game may have contributed towards his withdrawal; other reasons were work the is In spite of the tons of sand that have been poured onto the Rangers carpet, the pitch remains unnatu-rally quick. Control is still awkward and Liverpool, initially at least, found it as difficult a surface as in

Tokyo's national stadium recently. Then there were humps: here it was The opening was therefore generally untidy and the contrast in styles did not help to promote fluency. Livespool, for once, preferred to ignore any intricacies in midfield, where all of their contributed towards his wanderwal; other reasons were work (he is employed in the family haulage business), family commitments, and clubb captaincy with Newport.

His timing was less than opportune, it was the day a new context was all the state of the

representatives except for Molby appeared awkward in possession. Instead they looked immediately for Walsh and Rush, the fleet-footed pair who have renewed their opportune. It was announced and no notice was given to the selectors, which does nothing to encourage materal confidence between those who play and those who choose who who play and mose who choose who plays.

Meanwhile, a new captain is required with the daunting prospect of leading his country into the international championship starting against France in Paris on January 19. Ironically, there are two previous captains in the national squad, neither of whom would appear to fit the bill; Butler and Davies. Butler was denosed in favour of Watkins.

striking partnership.

While Liverpool were fidding their feet, Rangers made progress with their own style that is full of flicks, back-heels, and touches of rare delicacy. With Stainrod in particular showing delightful technique, they exposed the known weakness in Liverpool's defence, and the lack of speed of both full backs. But on each occasion their crosses lacked the necessary accuracy.

Liverpool

step up

their title

defence

By Stnart Jones Football Correspondent

Queen's Park Rangers...

They were to pay for their waywardness. After Molby had forced Hucker to save his firmer free kick at the near post, Liverpool not only found their feet but began also had their same as well. A Walsh only found their rect but began also to find their range as well. A Walsh volley and a Wark half-volley confirmed that the balance was altering gradualy but inexorably.

The champions turned the The champions turned the growing threat into reality after 36 minutes. Lawrenson released Rush down the left and three Rangers defenders closed in, aware of the danger that the Welshman presented. Yet they had forgotten about his colleagues and Rush's square pass was met first by the faltering Walsh and then by Wark, who found a run inside the far post. found a gap inside the far post.

Rush almost added to Liverpool's Rush almost added to Liverpool a lead early in the second half and then did so on the hour, although he looked suspiciously offside when Nicol freed him. But once given the opportunity to proceed, he went round the advancing Hucker before rolling the ball into the empty net.

CUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P Hicker, W Nell,
I Daves, (sub: J Byrne), @ Waddock, @
Chivers, F Ferneick, A McDonaid, I Stewart, G
Bennister, S Staterod, G Gregory,
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelsar; P Neal, A
Konnedy, M Lawrance, @ Nocl, A Hansen, P
Welsh, J Motby, I Rush (suft. @ Gifesple) G
Johnson, J Wark,
Referees B SHI (Northanse).

Last night's results

FIRST DIVISION: OPR 0, Liverpool 2

Sunday best for TV

Chairmen of the Football League clubs meet in London on January 17 to discuss a new TV agreement to replace the current 23.2 million two-year deal which ends in May. They will almost certainly bear that BBC and ITV, who want more live games, would prefer all matches on

acquired a painful ear infection. Horton has been restored at stand-off half, leaving Palmer and Halliday in the centre.

Much has been said recently of
Bath's decision to drop Horton to
allow for the inclusion of Halliday

allow for the inclusion of Halliday last weekend. It was taken in some quarters as interference by England selectors, but it was a move the club would have had to have made at some stage. Horton has announced his decision to retire at the end of the season and Bath must plan for the days when they will be without him. Halliday's form has been promising. Rees — the unlucky centre today — has been most consistent and Palmer has played stand-off before. It was, in any case, explained to Horton that it would be explained to Horton that it would be

for one match only, hence his reappearance today.

Sparrell, Bath's captain, may be considered in that role for the South and South-West divisional side which plays the Romanians at Gloncester on January 1 after the withdrawal of Mills (Gloncester) from the side because of his neck injury. His deputy at hooker is Bogira of Bristol.

The other member of Bath's back row, Simpson, has already received one seasonal present: he has been

or one match only, hence his

though that was cleared up, he has

back row against the Romanians on December 29 after the withdrawal of Johnston, the West Hartlepool 8, whose job may force his retirement

good a job as circumstances
permitted of organizing and encouraging the Barbarians side which was
narrowly beaten by the Australians
last weekend. But he is not yet
assured of a place in. Wale's team overturning of what are evidently cherished principles of selection. The obvious candidate remaining is Holmes, the scram half, who is in

his first season as Cardiff's captain but has been out of the game for two but has been out or the game 10:: wo.
months with a shoulder injury. He is
going to play against Bridgend today
and for the Barbarians - next
Thursday against Leicesfer before
going on a week's skiing holiday,
returning in time for the next Welsh squad meeting on January 7. Under normal circumstances Wales would announce the team to play France on

his injury and has proved his value as a player many times over for Wales. Whether he would be Wales. Whether he would be inhibited by the national captaincy remains to be seen, though at 27 he remains to be seen, though at 27 he Ras sulficient unitarity to carry it off.
Possibly the main querry concerns
the distressing ran of injuries he has
suffered during the last four years,
in which respect the selectors might
consider Ackerman
London Welch, his club, believe
he has the prepented in he so

London Welch his club, believe he has the potential to be an inspiring leader, though his experience of the job even as a schoolhoy is virtually nil (be led the Barbarians against Cardiff two seasons ago). Though aged only 23, he already has 17 caps; a British Lions tour and playing experience in New Zealand and Australia to his credit and is playing well enough to be sure of his place in the side. He could also be a positive advantage in that he is working in London, away from the day-to-day demands, the Weish public tend to place on their rugby internationals. was deposed in favour of Watkins and is under fire for lacking authority in his back-row play. A thoughtful man, with his natural share of pride, he may not wish to shoulder the burden once more.



Watkins (left) going out and Holmes who may be coming in

One match Cinderella of the oval for the selectors ball game

By David Hands

North and Midlands are the Cinderella of the Scottish cham-pionship. They have lost 26 games Bath and Pontypool who could Justifiably claim to be their respective countries leading clubs, provide their own brand of Christmas entertainment at Pontypool Park today in a match whose in succession and even the fact that seven players from Edinburgh clubs play in their colours has not stopped importance is enhanced by the state of flux in which the selectors of both England and Wales find themselves. Pontypool field the team that lost

Today they play Glasgow at Hughenden and they see it as their best chance of a win-this seas Glasgow are again upset by late changes. Matt Duncan has a back to the Australians with one exeption: Huish, the flanker bas injury, which means that Jim torn arm muscles so Butter, the club captian, moves to No 8 and Moseley, an addition to the Welsh Gossman moves from centre to wing, with Alan Ker, the Glasgow Academicals captain, coming in to the centre. The full back, Steve Evans, is replaced by Bill Arundel, who will be playing in his first senior squad on Thursday, plays lock, lock.

Both will be without Cunningham, their hooker, who is responsenting the Angio-Scots against
Edinburgh. They may also be
without Hall, their England flanker.
He sustained a dead leg against
Harlequins last weekend and,

representative game.
Ritchie Dixon, the Glasgow coach, has to overcome player complacency since his men have played well this season against Australia and the South and may see this as an easy fixture, which it has never proved to be in the past.

In the other district game Anglo-Scots visit Edinburgh. David Sole, the prop forward, has not recovered from rib brusing and is replaced by Neil Wear, who moves across the scram to loose-head prop, with John Reid, the young London Scot, coming in for his first game. Jeremy Macklin replaces Ian McKie at No 8. Both sides seem fairly, evenly matched, Edinburgh have the edge in the right scrum and the Anglos in

The most interesting and perhaps the most interesting and perhaps crucial area will be in the loose, where Edinburgh have the Calder twins, Jim and Finlay, and the combative Charlie Richardson in rare form; but the Anglos have in Buchanan-Smith, Macklin and Morrison three useful citizens.

Morrison three useful citizens.

Perhaps the most cheerful news for Scottish supporters this week is the return to club rugby of John Rutherfordand Iain Paxton, who play for Selkirk at Preston Lodge. It is almost seven months since they last played and damaged their kneeligaments. Both are vital to Scotland's international challenge.

Roxborough dropped Richmond make one change from the side that beat Blackheath last weekend by one point for iomor-row's home game against Harle-quins. Bruce Roxborough on the wing is dropped in favour of Simon

Irish trial of new faces and minimal changes

By George Ace

a test of recognition as of assessing ability. Having been fed on a diet of Slattery, Keane, Duggan, O'Driscoll, Campbell and Ward for more years than one cares to remember, such names as Spillane, Collins, Kearney (the one from Sunday's Wells) Keyes, Aherne and McMaster do not readily register in the mind's The team to meet England at

Lansdowne Road on January 19 will be selected this evening and is expected to be announced tomor-

Comments by Michael Cuddy, the chairman of selectors, suggest a minimum of change. Crossan, an original selection for the game against the Wallabies, will resume on the left wing, Kiernan switiching to the centre, with Finn excluded. This is the only change envisaged behind the screen.

The compositio of the back five will cause most discussion, but in the final analysis options are few.

Today's final Irish trial at One of the main battles will be that Landsdowne Road will be as much between the man in possession. between the man in possession, Sexton, and Carr for the open-side wing forward place. Anderson's performance for the Barbaians last Saturday at No 8 may influence 2 switch from the lock position he occupied for Ireland against Australia, with McCall, the London Irish second row, emerging as a possible partner for Lenihan.

What'ES (or Probables): H P Macrielli (Caford University and Biackrook College); T M Ringhand (Ballymens), B J Mathin (Doblin University): M J Ricease (Landdowne), K D Crostess (Instantal); P M Deen (St. Mary's College), M T Standay (Cork Constitution); J J McCoy (Dumparson), C F Fitzpersid (St. Mary's College, capt), P Kennedy (London Wish), P M Rattifews (Arab), M Anderson (Designant), D G. Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W Settion (Garryoweo), R K Keamey (Wanderste).

"BLUES (or Possibles): J P Berry (Cork Constitution, cape); T P Mediaster (Bergot). St C Pirm (Cork Constitution), R J Moreney (St Mary's Collegel, R P Keyas (Cork Constitution), R C Bredy (Cluent) S University, Bellasti, P A Orr (ON Weslay), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), B P Fizpeinske (Wendersen), P Collins (Fighthett), F Keamey (Sender's Weits), B 16-McCall (London Inst), N J Carr (Ards), B Spilland (Limenck Borneriass).

FOR THE RECORD

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ADELANDE: Second women's Test England 91 in Price 4 for ICI, Australa 84 for 1 (D. Emerson 53 not out).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: Netional League (MIL):
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Detton Red Wings 5, Quebec Nortiques 4;
Washington Capitals 2, Montheal Canadians 2;
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ADELAIDE: South Australian open: Second round. H van Boeclot (Noth) bt K Beicher (US) 3-8. 6-4. 6-1. Quarter-Inste: M Bauer (US) bt Serids (tarset) 7-5. 7-8. P Doohan (Aust) bt T Mayorin (US) 4-5. 6-2. 7-8. P Fitzgerald (Aust) bt M Mecr (C2+6-3. 6-3. van Boeclaf bt J Frankry (Aust) 7-6. 6-4.

BIAME BEACH: Austell Orange Barel Junior Champienships: Boy'n ender 18: Quarter-fitnisis: G Roltan (Arg) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-3. 6-2. D Wager (US) bt M Briggs (US) 6-3. 6-3. A Eavellas (Gr) bt Zetter (Alg) 4-8. 7-8. 7-8. H Skopt (Austra) bt A Parker (US) 6-1, 6-0 Grief ander 16: Quarter-fitnisis: M J Fernandez (US) bt Formaticz (US) bt Formaticz (US) 6-2. 6-3. S Stoan (US) bt K Shin (US) 6-2. 6-7. 5. Tratheri (Ang) th Sabo (US) 6-3. 6-0. A Schwartz (US) bt K Operfeitner (Austra) 6-7. 6-4. 6-0. FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Preston North End 0, York City 2.

Frost in Hong Kong Hong Kong (AFP) - Morten Frost the top men's seed at next month's \$22,100 Hong Kong Open Cham-pionship, which launches the 1985 Grand Prix badminton circuit. Two English players, Steve Baddeley, the fifth seed, and Nick Yates, seeded sixth, are expected to face tough competition from Hadiyanto of Indonesia and Jin Chen of China in

ARGLO SCOTTISH CUP. Elimination round: Sunderland Maestros 108 (Haetner 33), Glasgow 101 (Saunders, 35). UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Chicago Sulfs 132, Alianta Hawks 129; Utah Jazz 117, Datriti Postons 116; New York Knaks 112, Cleveland Cavaliers 97; Kaneas City Kings 118, Portand Trail Blazers 113.

RUGBY UNION SCHOOLS MATCHES: Guiddord RGS 6. Guiddord RGS Pest XV 0; Lichifield Frisry 54, Westwood High, Leek 8. NORDIC SKIING

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SAINT MORITZ: World Cop: Man's 18km cross-country races 1. G Andersen (Nor) 45rah 55 2sec: 2. U Dotzmar (EG) 48:01.0; 3. K Boscosin (Nor) 48:72.5; 4. H Wentbuch (WG) 46:23.3. 5, T Locken (Nor) 46:41.2; 8. F Gisnzmarm (Smitz) 48:42.1; Andersen 419.1 pt; 2. H Schwarz (WG) 417.3; 3. T Muster (WG) 414.2; 4. Locken 412.28; 5. Weintbuch 411.48; 6. Dotzmar 409.93.

World cup standings: 1, Andersen 50pt; 2. H Schwarz (WG) 40; 3. T Muster 25; 4. Bosgosch 24; 5, Dotzmar 22.

SQUASH RACKETS LONDONDERRY CUP: Taird round: Tombridge by Martocrough 4-1.

O'Connor honoured Christy O'Connor, selected a record 10 times for the Ryder Cup team, celebrated his sixtieth birthday with another award yesterday. The Royal Dublin veteran was named by the Irish Golf Writers Association as the winner of their distinguished services to Irish golf award. Another veteran, Brian Hoey, aged 50, of Shandon Park, was voted the outstanding amateur of 1984. Association as the winner of their

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dewsbury have | Another Belfast every reason to be confident By Keith Macklin

Back in 1973 Dewsbury astounded the Rugby League world by winning the championship play-off. Since then the club from the small woollen town in West Yorkshire has suffered a decline in fortunes, floundering about in the second division and going close to bankruptey.

This season there has been a remarkable upturn in the fortunes of Dewsbury, with a long unbeaton run in the second division, hopes of promotion, slowly increasing attendances, and tomorrow a re-sounding plum with the visit of Hull in the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Trophy.

Dewsbury, with a homespun team devoid of star names, expect an attendance above 5,000 four times their average, for the visit of times their average, for the visit of the international-studded Humber-siders. With Hull struggling to find form and without Garry Schofield, Dewsbury even fancy their chances of making the semi-finals of the trophy for the first time ever. It is a tall order but Hull will have to fight sky-high confidence and the notori-our Crown Flatt lone. ssy-nigh confidence and the notori-ous Crown Flatt slope.

This afternoon St Helens enter-tains. Halifax and, even without Veivers, should make home advan-

impressive upbeaten run. In tomorrow's other quarterfinals the most prolific trophy
hunters of all. Widnes, are in a bit of
a trough at the moment, and may
bow to the skill and pace of the
home side, Hull Kingston Rovers.

tages count to continue their

IN BRIEF bout for McGuigan

Barney Eastwood, Barry McGuig-nan's manager, has won the purse offer to stage McGuignan's Euro-pean featherweight title defence against Farid Gallouze of France. The Ulster boxer, already involved in a bont on February 20 to be shown on American network television, may defend the title in

Mr Eastwood said yesterday: "It depends whether Barry wants to fight in January. If he does, it will probably go on at the Ulster Hall. But if, as I believe, Gallouze is involved in a French championship fight, it might suit everyone to put the European championship back to early April."
NORDIC SKIING: Geir Andersen

of Norway scored his second consecutive Nordic combined World Cup victory by winning vesterday's 15-kilometre race at St Moritz. Hubert Schwarz, winner of Thursday's jumping event, finished second overall. MOTOR RALLYING: The French

Government has given the Monaco
Automobile Club permission to
stage the Monace Carlo Rally on
French roads from January 26 to
February 2. The decision comes two days after the Council of State ruled that the French motor sport federation had no right to ask a million francs compensation for use of French roads, but the rally still

There can be much more to going to a rugby match than going to a rugby match. In the right circum-stances, not seeing it can provide an experience to remember long after you would have forgotten the match itself.

One Christmas I was seen or Stradey Park to report Lianelli's game with Bath. I was looking forward to it because although I had seen the Lianelli team play, I had never seen their ancestral home. I

in the afternoon, intending to stay the night – if you follow my meaning. The little train from Swansea carried me up the valley to Lianelli, and when I stepped out in the dusk I found the town like a sort of landlocked Mary Celeste :everywhere closed, the streets

everywhere closed, the streets
empty, not so much as a cat to be
seen, and rain starting to fall.

My first task was to find a bed for
the night, but I found only bolts and
bars and unlit windows. Compassless, I walked in circles. When time
pressed, I decided to go to the match
first and look for a botel later. But I
had no idea where Stradley was, and
there was nobody to sak because of

there was nobody to ask because (I assumed) the cutire population were either indoors being festive or already in their sents awaiting the kick-off. kick-off.

It was getting colder by the minute, and the rain by now was pelting down. I shickered in a shop doorway to review the situation, and as I stood there wet and shivering a policeman joined me. We fell late conversation, as men will when they

SIDELINES Gordon Allan

meet unexpectedly on a desert island, and after agreeing with him that it was no night to be out, I mentioned the match.

"Oh. I've just come from Stradey," he said. "Wasn't much of a game. You didn't miss anything, believe me."
"But I understood it was in the

blowing his whistle to end the match at about the time my train was arriving in Linelli.

some of the customers duscussing the match. They corroborated the policeman's opinion that it had been poor stuff.

rugby grounds, no matter whose they are, Lianelli's or the London Fire Brigade's.

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Simple archetypes of the Civil War

The Cavalier spirit

that makes failure

Let's hear it for fallure. And in order to celebrate failure properly, let us go back to the Civil War. The

subtlety of achievement. You win, or you don't win: such a matter cannot

Cricket teams sometimes calls

Cricket teams sometimes calls themselves The Cavaliers. I never yet heard of one called The Roundheads, though perhaps there is one. If so, I expect Geoffrey Boycott controls it. He is the ultimate cricketing, indeed, the ultimate sporting Roundhead, dedicated to the mechanics of perfection. The qualities of the Roundhead are remorselessness. intransioence.

remorselessness, intransigence inevitability, Though even Boycot has a streak within him, ruthlessi

suppressed, of the Cavalier: witnessy bis former tendency to impulsive hooking, his over-excitement at his handreds - and no one who bowls

with his cap on can be utterly without a certain Cavalier liking for

If every one had their rights, Roundheads and Cavaliers would be distinguishable at a glance. You only

had to look at George Best to realize that he was a Cavalier, one of the

finest examples there has ever been; delightful and doomed. Whereas the man who used to mark him (whenever he got close enough) at Chelsea, Ron "Chopper" Harris, was nothing if not a Roundhead. It

was not merely that Harris was bullet-headed: he looked as if be

actually had a Roundhead's belinet

on his bead when he was bare-

But things are not always so simple. Take Bjorn Borg a Roundhead in Cavalier's clothing.

For all his flowing hair, he was a

skipped his lessons in courtliness.
Head-to-head battles between

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Roundhead

Cinderal

Planetman's star in the ascendant Michael Phillips A glance through the latest edition of the Racing Calendar served to strengthen my belief the Planetman has a good chance of winning the Coral

Welsh National at Chepstow This handicap was framed before my selection had even run this season. In the meantime he has won both his races and in so doing escaped being penalized. This week's Racing Calendar shows that with the benefit of hindsight the handi-capper would have given Planetman 9lb more to carry. In the circumstances he should be hard to beat with only 10st on

On this season's form neither Androma, who won the Scottish National last spring nor Hy-Ko. and Mid Day Gun, have an earthly chance of beating Planetman on these terms Planetman is trained by Monica Dickinson, who will also be represented by Righthand Man, anohter who is unbeaten this season. However, Righthand Man seem to have his fair share weight for a marathon which over the years has tended to favour those nearer the foot of the handicap. There should be little between Lucky Vane and Righthand Man on last season's Eider Chase running at New-castle, which Lucky Vane won

Along with Kumbi, Lucky Vane represents this years the way he ran away from Why Hennessy Cognac Cup form: Forget at the end of three miles which has such a golden thread going through it. The way that Prior to that Why Forget had Lucky Vane finished that day albeit in only sixth position, one out all the stops at Haydock.

CHEPSTOW

1.0-NEWSBOY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,935: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

DINGBAT (CD) (A Boyce) J Wright 8-12-1
MR PEACOCK* (D) (Mr B Collins) W & Turner 8-14-6.
WALMIT WONDER* (C) (R Hickman) R Hickman 8-11-6.
LORD LEGGITION (B) (S) Hont) L Remain 8-11-5.
HIGGLE MOPPETT (CD) (P Dresher) J Webber 7-11-0.
PRONCHO'S COUSSIN (W Mackanzie-Colles) W Mackanzie

HISTY FORT (C) (J Stammer) T Forser 6-10-7
FIRE CRILL (P. Normen) K Bishop 9-10-5
DISHCLOTH (G) (Lody S Brooke) Ludy S Strooke 10-10-3
WILL BOREEN (G) (A Durker) M McCormeck 10-10-0 (5 ex)
HADAJAR (D) (A Morrie) M Tate 9-10-0
CITADEL ROC (Intes R Dazley) J M Brackey 8-10-0

Chepstow selections

By Mandarin By Mandarin 1.00 Penny Bank. 1.30 Freeflow. 2.05 Planetman. 2.40 Fighter Pilot. 3.10 Rig Steel. 3.40 Notre Cheval.

1.30 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE (Grade II: 3-y-c: 25,451: 2m) (13)

JAMESSERAD (10)(1957) ft. Rectors) D Enveroth 11-3
ACE OF SPIES (D Horswell) L Kennerd 11-0
CATMAN (Alies | Reticile) N Microel 11-0
COUNTRY CAP (R Townserd) W Kemp 11-0
DOUBLE COUNCY. THE (Alex W MacAbine) R Smyth 11-0
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ULT OF THE GLOOM (D Lovel) R Hollersheed 11-0
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STOCKESON (Alics M Biovan) Mrs M Seven 11-0
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STRATHEARTH (A BLOOG) I FICURE 11-1
MAYSPRING (Lady S Brooke) Lidy'S Brooks 10-9
WORLING-PEARL (D) (T Stabbings) E Alston 10-9
1985 Dodge Enters 11-0 M Bernet (S-1) Mellor 14-0
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321171 BEAT THE RETREAT (D) (D Stoole) J Jimkins 11-3

By Michael Seely
2.05 Kumbi. 3.40 HOPEFUL SHOT (nap)

Televised: 1.0, 1.30, 2.5]



RACING: MRS DICKINSON'S YOUNG CHASER LOOKS ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE HANDICAPPER IN WELSH NATIONAL

Beat The Retreat, seen in full cry at Sandown, chases his seventh success in today's Finale Hurdle at Chepstow

behind Kumbi, suggested he was crying out for a much longer distance and that is precisely what confronts him.

However, if Planetman is to

be beaten on this occasion I think that it will be by either Hardy Lad or Little Polveir. Hardy Lad has a definite chance of reversing recent Newcastle placings with Peaty Sandy at these weights, while Little Polveir, who has won twice over the course, cannot be left out of the reckoning judged on Prior to that Why Forget had forced Righthand Man to pull

Having won the Welsh National once already on Peaty Sandy Geordie Dun was faced with a difficult choice between the horse who was triumphaut three years ago and the top weight. A Kinsman, He has chosen A Kinsman, knowing that only Limonali has ever won the race carrying as much weight in its 36-year history.

Freeflow is selected to win the Finale Junior Hurdle as I am far from convinced that neither the Retreat nor Jamesmead would have beaten him at Sandown had he not made a hash of jumping the last hurdle and paid the consequences.

Irrespective of what happens at Chepstow, Mrs Dickinson

Colwick Handicap Chase at Nottingham in the shape of the day's banker. The nap certainly appears to have the beating of Kevinsfort, from Fitzgerald's on-song

Also at Nottingham, the recent performances of Joy Ride and Chipped Metal at Ascot and Haydock point to Nassau Royale being good enough to beat Corn Street and Burrough Hill Lad's unraced half-brother, Artful Charley, in division of the Tollerton Novices Hurdle. At Lingfield I expect Andrew

GOING: heavy

2m) (11)

LINGFIELD PARK

Televised: 1.20, 1.50, 2.20 Tota double: 1.50, 2.50. Trable: 1.20, 2.20, 3.20.

12.50 DAME ELIZABETH ACKROYD THREE-YEAR-

OLD NOVICE HURDLE (£744: 2m) (21 runners)

OPENING BARS (D) D Coghton 11-2 ...
TRUNDER ROCK (D) A Davison 11-2 ...
ATKINS 8 Serift 10-10
CONDENINY FLYER Pait Mitchell 10-10 ...
COLDHARBOUR LAD E Beover 10-10 ...
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WASSEM J Jankine 10-10
YAZEED A Davison 10-10
YOUNG BUCKERS M Haynes 10-10
RERKY'S COURT A Moore 10-5
SNATCH BACK M Keegan 10-5

13-5 Opening Sars, 7-2 Wassem, 5 Meziera, 8 Young Buckers, 18 Atkins, 12 Parveno, 16 Kilbon, 25 others.

Lingfield selections

By Mandarin 12.50 Wassem, 1.20 Whole Shebang, 1.50 Tom Tailor. 20 Maori Venture. 2.50 Magic Sky. 3.20 Mount

1.20 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,288:

15-8 Whole Shebang, 5-2 Everseal, 7-2 Debury, 8 Lochholsdale, 14 Gellant Book, Jack C7 Lentern, 20 others.

off a hicrative double by taking the Tote Treble Handicap Chase with Maori Venture. The latter was right there with a good chance of winning a tough race at Cheltenham when he slipped and fell four out, while Whole Shebang was far from disgraced in the Mecca Bookmakers' Hurdle.

Finally, it may pay to take a long-priced chance with Magic Sky in the Tote Daily Double Novices' Handicap Hurdle. After a lengthy absence from the course. Fulke Walwyn's mare shaped with distinct promise in the race won by Sutton Prince Turnell and Steve Knight to win at Sandown at the end of last the Tote Placepot Hurdle with month.

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Pagan Sun warms to new role

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Pagan sun comfortably beat his rivals in the West Norfolk Novices' Hurdle at Fakenham yesterday to come a 25-1 chance with William Hill for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. Thrown in at the deep en on his first appearance over timber at Cheltenham earlier this month, when he did not jump well, the Terry Ramsden owned colt was

Terry Ramsden owned colt was fluent this time.

Tony Carroll jumped him to the front at the third last flight and, stealing a glance over his shoulder at the next, his mount shook off the attention of Gulffland, and stormed to a ten lengths victory.

"Pagan Sun worked better than Wing And A Prayer at home," said has Newmarket trainer Alan Bailey,

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who sold Wing And A Prayer to John Jenkins for David Steele the day before he won the Cheltenham race in which Pagan Sun finished Seventh.
Philip Mitchell's name ha

ecome synonomous with Faken nam. The Epsom trainer brought hi total of winners on the course to 20 in the last four and a half years when he brought off a double with Vaigly Rel in the Fitzwilliam Selling Handicap Hurdle and Leith Hill Flyer in the Belvoir Conditional

Flyer in the Belvoir Conditional Jockeys handicap chase.

Vaigly Rel, who won by six lengths partnered by the amateur Simon Sherwood, has been a problem horse, losing his races through worrying in the horsebox on the way to the course, according to Mitchell.

to Mitchell.

Leith Hill Flyer, who drifted from 7-4 to 4-1 joint outsider with Cole Porter, came away from that rival over the last fence to win by ten lengths and give Alan Wright, who has been with Mitchell for two years, the 13th winner of his career.

1.50 TOTE DUAL F CHASE (£2,313; 2m) (6)

B 11 Tom Tallor, 3 Ro's Owen, 9-2 Rock Saint, 12 Morocco Bound, 14 Bird Stream, 16 Carbury's Kit.

FORBIE: RO'S OWEN (11-0) lead to 3 out when 29 3rd of 7 to King's Jug (10-1) at Minoanton (2m oft, 21, 612, good, Nov 29, TOM TALLOR (10-10) completed 4-driver with 20 Plumpton success from Tecroy (12-7), when CARBURTYS IOT (10-0) was another 381 back in 5th (2m of ct, 21,560, acit, Dec 11, 10 rank, ROCK SAINT (10-6) back North West (10-2) 3 ar Lingfield, when BRID STREAM (10-0) was another 28 back in 40 (2m of ct, 22,700, oct Dec 8, ann. MOROCCO BOUND, 7th (10-0) to Jegador (12-7) last time, previously (10-0) 11 Plumpton scorer from Hopeful Answer (10-0) (2m dt, 22,498, good to soft, Cet 30, 10 rank). Selection TOM TAILOR

2.20 TOTE TREBLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,719: 3m)

401p-HOMAN BISTRO (D) J Gifford 8-10-2 R Rowe 38043 SAUNDERS (CD) T Clay 10-10-0 G Moore 0423 MASTER NIBBLE (CD) C Hokes 9-10-0 A Webb

Venture, 8 Saundert, 12 Muster Nibble, 14 Roman Batho.
FORN: MADRI VENTURE; (10-11) in with every chance when a failer out in Chefenham event won by Door Later (10-7) (3m 1f ct, 25,943 good to soft, Dec 7, 8 rant, BOLD YEOMAN (11-3) best WANTON CASTLE; (11-7) and SAUNDERS; (10-6) by %3 and 11% over course and distance \$4,612, soft Dec 8, 5 ran, ROUND THE TWIST (10-13) nect 2nd MASTER NIBBLE; (10-1) hurther 41 back in 3rd and \$4,000ERS; (10-6) 4th, besiden over a distance, to Tacroy (12-2) at Plumpton (3m 1f ct 12-204), soft, Nov 28, 8 rant, ROMAN BISTRO, pulled up final start earlier (11-7) 81 Towcester scorer from Fort Selvedere (10-11) (3m 1f ct 21,396, firm, Apr 23, 4 ran).

Selections MANTON CASTLE

2.50 TOTE DAILY DOUBLE NOVICE HANDICAP 201) (11)
1 9-002 DALBURY (D) P Haynes 6-11-11 PCorrigen?
4 9-461 EVERSEAL (CD) F Winter 4-11-1 N Fourn?
5 1-002 WINGLE SHEBANG (CD) A Turnel 5-11-1 Stove Knight.
8 1-001 LOCHSORDALE (D) J King 4-10-11 H Drives.
10 100-0 GALLANT BUCK (D) D ESHORTH 4-10-5 R Amott 4.
11 01-40 JACK O'LANTEINN (CD) F Cundel 8-10-5 R Rowell.
14 10-10 WINDEREAKER (D) A Moore 6-10-0 G Moore 15 900-0 GOLDYKE (D) J Bosley 6-10-0 S Shilston.
15 200-0 MARKINE (D) G Bating 6-10-0 R Rowell.
17 60/p- UNEQUAL MALVES 8 Wise 7-10-0 R Rowell.
18 18 Wise Statemen. S.F Everseal. 7-3 Golbury 8 Lockholdskie. 14.

1190 TROPICAL MEST (B). D Elsworth 4-11-7 R Amort 4
4-700 QUELLE FARCE D Gundoffo 4-11-5 M Hamfagton
0120 ABOURHABUN J Jonkins 4-11-5 G Charles-Jones 4
930-PARADISE STRATTS (B) S Woodman 4-11-3 P Double
p104 MARTIAL COMBINANDER C Read 4-11-0 II Devise
9330-MAGIC SKY F Welvyn 6-10-13 S STRESTO
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p-900 ARBORNE DEAL A Moore 5-10-0 G Moore 7-4 Gold Of A Gunner, 4 Tropical Mist, 5 Paddy O'Melley, soushabun, Magic Stop, 12 Paradise Straits, Manifel Commencer,

ALEXANDER GLEN CHASE (£1,180: 2m) (4) 1-4 Mount Herverd, 6 Rebel Star, 8 Eusabio, 20 Bic Roller. p BROWN SANDS (B) G Vergetta 4-10-5 43 HASSAU ROYALE (BF) Mrs M Filmet 4-10-5 8 Mo

NETHERDAR W Whenton 4-10-5 SPANISH BOLD M Ryan 4-10-5 SUTTONS HILL A James 4-10-5

1983: no corresponding meeting 3-4 Blushe Spirit, 3 Conscription, 9-2 Man in Grey, 7 Colonial Charm, 8 Mr Quick, 12 Aventia Ludy, High State, 18 others.

Nottingham selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Man In Grey, 1.0 STATE CASE (nap). 1.30 Nassan Royale. 2.0 Geats An Uisce. 2.30 Green Bramble. 3.0 Sacred

1.0 COLWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,203: 2m) (6) 3 ft-0! LULAW (D) D Nicholson 6-11-7 ——P Scudemore
4 2121 STATE CASE (GD) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-7 (Seq)
Mr R J Baggan
5 2220 - SCOTTISH BAR (D) M Lamber 10-11-5 —P A Charliton
6 3221 (SOOD TRADE R Pendint 9-10-7 — Dei Williams
7 1-421 KEVINS-FORT (D) J Fizzyerald 6-10-6 (Sex) —P Tuck
10 p4-00 DEAR REMUS (GD) J L Harris 12-10-0 — A Harris 4-5 State Case, 9-4 Kevinsfort, 7 Good Trade, 8 Lutev, 16 Scottish Ber, 20 Deat Recons.

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5-2 Nesseu Royale, 4 Com Street, 5 Spanish Bold, 6 Fudge Delight 8 See Reppin, 12 Captain Pry, 16 others. 2.0 SOUTH YORKSHIRE ROAD SPECIALISTS NOVICE CHASE (£1,724: 3m) (12) WOLD WALK Mrs C Clark 8-10-10 ¿2 Geats An Lisce, 100-30 Covent Garden, 4 The Last Prince, 5 Lote, 7 Lizmor, 8 Bellygrooby, 14 Sophisticated, 16 others. 2.30 BINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (21,629: 2m 6f) 1 2-12 GREEN BRAMBLE (BF) E Carter 6-11-10 ______P A Charlton 2 2p-12 GREEN BRAMBLE (BF) N Handerson 7-11-6 S Smith-Ecotes 3 30-92 ASSURED C James 11-10-13 _____Sara Lawrence 7
4 0-114 ARCTIC MENELEK (C) J Fitzgerald 9-10-12 ____P Tuck
5 rtist SWIFT ALBANY (C) R Robinson 10-10-6 Mandy Harrison 7

6 42/1-4 ABERVANTER D Todd 7-10-0

3.0 CLIFTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£883: 2m 6f) (14) 13 313f STEP ASHORE Mrs K Coulman 5-10-0 Jayne Thompson
14 03-00 INCENSE P Boven 4-10-0 R Heaffeld
17 pers PANNOCK J Congreve 4-10-0 T Parfield
3 Misty Dela, 4 Village Dreper, 5 Secred Path, 7 Bleethwood, Route
March, 10 Nershih, Mountaineer, 12 Northern Knight, 16 Step Ashore,
20 others. O Jayne Thompson Milis

The claiming rider, Joe ter, said afterwards that he would O'Gorman, aged 18, was suspended appeal against the stewards defor two days for careless riding at Kelso yesterday on Tarchin in the Cardona Handicap Hurdle O'Gorman, whose ban takes effect on December 30 and 31, took his mount ahead after the last to beat the last to beat the company of the

After a lengthy inquiry, the Kelso within a week when landing stewards topheid Chariton's objection and disqualified Tarchin, seven-year-old, who has suffered tion and disqualified Tarchin, seven-year-old, who has suffered placing him fourth. Albertat was awarded the race, with Thorbell Arch, second and Armenistis, third.

Gamebird Handicap Chase at

Course specialists

CHEPSTOW TRAINERS: F Winter 20 winners from 77 numers, 26.0%; D Gandollo 8 from 37, 24.3%; T Forster 17 from 80, 21.3%, JOCKEYS: G Bradley 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%; J Francome 23 from 101, 27.7%; P Berton 9 from 48, 19.1%.

TRAINERS: F Winter 28 winners from 77 numers, 36.5%; A Armylage 16 from 49, 32.7%; P Cundel 5 from 21, 23.9%.
JOCKEYS: Steve Knight 9 winners from 26 rides, 32.1%; H Device 9 from 76, 25.0%; P Deuble 4 from 22, 18.2%.

NOTTINGHAM
TRANERS: F Winter 6 winners from 13 runners, 33.5%; N Handerson 10 from 50, 20.0%; D Nicholson 16 from 51, 17.6%.
JOCKEYS: 6 Smith Ecoles 18 winners from 57 rides, 26.9%; P Charton 8 from 31, 19.4%; P Scubanors 24 from 124, 18.4%.



pots and impossible dreams, falling at the last but falling mo gloriously than any winner evisueeds.

but Wromantic.

Now, it is just possible that the alert reader might suspect that this is something of an over-simplification. What such a reader must do is to note that I am writing on the sports pages, those pages where the notion of excessive simplification is impossible. Sport deals only in excessive simplicities. True, you may find everywhere examples of subtlety of execution: a leg-side stumping, a free-kick round the wall, a forehand down the line, a deep screw shot. But there can never by subtlety of achievement. You win, or Football is so full of Cavallers that they have even invented a special term for them: luxury players. Players able to trap a ball and kick it beautifully are luxury player and kick him beautifully are the salt of the earth: proper, manly,

always say, room for both in the same team, with Glenn Hoddle, the Room for both in the gar most luxurious player around, in the seem to have it in for me" Roberts, who is, perhaps the world's least luxurious footballer.

Therefore, sports people tend to confirm, in a rough and ready way, to the great, simple archetypes of the Civil War. Sportsmen are either Cavaliers or Roundheads. Caratters was treat to success the sports. Selectors prefer competence to excellence, probably because it is a commodity with which they can identify. If evidence were needed, identify. If evidence were needed, then witness the international carecr of Derek Randall, a man who can be Ultimate sporting

relied on in a crisis but not a cocktai When excellence is sighted, it is when excellence is significant, it is disquicting. It is a quality remote from the spectator; hence the wish is to destroy it, to seek out the excellent man's demeaning qualities. Chase-and-harry footballers are not expected to contribute of the seek of the second strength o curl 40-yard passes: luxury players are criticized because they do not chase and harry. Four doughty twenties is preferred to three ducks

and a ton.

And, of course, the Cavaliers always seem to play up to their critics, failing in the most embar-rassing moments for their sup-porters and blazing away like men possessed – for they are men possessed – when even I have given

Prince Rupert of an innings

Ah, Headingley, Headingley, I hear you sigh, ah, Headingley in 1981, when the ridiculous Ian Botham, the Cavaller's Cavalier, performed a veritable Prince Rupert of an innines. So great an innings that, like Kennedy's assassination, we can all remember where we were when we heard of it. I was on a ferry in th south China Sea, reading the South China Morning Post, 1 buried the paper into the air in inexpress-ible delight. Botham even looked the perfect cavalier theo: it is my belief

For all his flowing hair, he was a purveyor of remoreselessness. It was his unfinching competence, rather than flashing genius, that remains his enduring memory. McEnroe looks far more like a proper Roundhead, but he is really a Cavalier, a genuine purveyor of intuitive brilliance. A Cavalier who exhansed his lessons in courtiness. Of course, people will tell me that competence, remorselessness, and gritty, grinding inevitability are a part of all games, and so they are. But give me fallibility. Indeed, give me failure. Give me failure illuminated with shafts of yet more exasperating brilliance. Give me a disaster. Give me the wrong-handed tip-over, not the comfortable catch; the lofted drive, not the nudge round the corner. Give me glory. Victory is cheap in comparison. Let's hear it for failure.

regalar delight. One of the finest day's sport in the years was the snooker final between Steve Davis and Jimmy White. White, hope-lessly eight frames advift, went raving mad, "played his brains out",



Miss Kirchler: clean sween

Austrian women dominant

Santa Caterina, Italy (AFP) - The Austrian women's Alpine sking team began their end of year break on a high note after taking first three places in the World Cup downhill places in the World Cup downhill race here yesterday, on part of the course that will host the world championship in February.

Elisabeth Kirchler, aged 21, narrowly outpaced her team colleagues Veronika Vitzhum and Katrin Gutensohn to register her fourth World Cup victory and to end a barren spell in downhill racing for the Austrian women, whose last success was Miss Kirchler's victory at Meeève in January. 1983. at Megève in January, 1983.
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It was the first time Austria had taken all three leading places in a downhill since Brigite Totschenig. Anne-Marie Proell and Nicole Spiess achieved the feat at Zell-am-Zee in 1976.

The Olympic champion, Michela Figini, of Switzerland, took fourth place, but Austria had three other skiers in the top 10, with Sieglinde Winkler finishing fifth, Signid Wolf seventh and Veronika Wallinger ninth. The Austrian team made a

ninth. The Austrian team made a better interpretation of the con-dition of the piste than their Swiss rivals, who had been expected to dominate the race.

Sixth position went to Marina Kichl, of West Germany, who retained the World Cup lead,

RESULTS: 1. E Kirchier (Austria), 1min 24 (Bisace; 2 v Vitzhum (Austria), 124 (Fight 24 (Bisace; 2 v Vitzhum (Austria), 124 (Fight 24 (Bisace; 2 v Vitzhum (Austria), 124 (Fight 24 (Bisace; 2 v Vitzhum (Austria), 125 (Fig. 8), K (Marty, 125 (Fig.

ATHLETICS

French will close on Hutchings By Pat Butcher

The French have found a way to ensure that Tim Hutchings does not

leave his opponents behind from the start as he has done in his races over the last five weeks. The organizers of tomorrow's 5km road race at Issy-les-Moulineaux, on the outskirts of Paris, have borrowed an idea from France's favourite sport, cycling, and have made the two-lap race into a time trial with the runners going off at 30 second intervals. In the tradition of Tour de France

prologues, each runner will be followed by a car bearing his name followed by a car bearing his name. This form of racing, but as handicaps, with differing time gaps according to form, used to be very popular in Britain, both in road and track racing, and is still widley used for the traditional club races at Christmas. But a revival of a different sort is in order for New Year's Eva in Mountain Ast. Year's Eve in Mountain Ash, The Nos Galan (Welsh for New

The Nos Galan (Welsh for New Year) race, in memory of the legendary Guio Nythbran, was celebrated from 1958 to 1973 when it was discontinued due to police complaints about "traffic disruption". The race was famous for its mystery runner", who would bring a flaming tourch frim Guto's grave at Llanwonno to Mountain Ash for the midnight start, which would often be contested by a thousand at Llanwonno to Mountain Asa for the midnight start, which would often be contested by a thousand runners, an extraordinary number for the pre-boom days of participation running. The Cynon Valley borough council have agreed to lift the born the for

ICE HOCKEY Dundee given hope of compensation

champions, may gain some finan-cial aid for their travels in the European Cup this season and last (Robert Pryce writes). The Sports Council of Great Britain are prepared to consider an application on their behalf from the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA), a Sports Council spokesman said

3.10 SCOUT NOVICE CHASE (4-y-o: £1,513: 2m) (8) imal challe

3.40 KINGSBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,099: 2m 4f) (22)

MICON NOVICE HURDLE (21,463: 3m) (20)

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COLARA (A Cason) Miss L Bows 5-11-0

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DELATOR (P Brews) I WINTER 7-11-0

200-9 FIGHTER PLOT (P Grey) M Pips 4-11-0

EARLY (MAY (MAY M HINTER) D BOWS 1-11-0

OOD LOLLYS PATCH (MAY M HINTER) D BOWS 1-11-0

OOD MAX MOMENT (N Sheers) N Stewars 5-11-0

OOD 222 PALLATIN (EP) (G Johnson'N Henderson 4-11-0

PALCHER Y LAME (R C Pugh R Pour 4-11-0

SALFORD RENTAL (AAS F Stewars) P Bowsin 6-71-0

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2.40 MOON NOVICE HURDLE (£1,463: Sm) (20)



Fakenham : results

Soing: Good to soft.

1.90 (2m Si ch) 1, OVERSWAY (S Smith Eccles, 2-5 fav); 2, Abe Ase (G McCourt. 12-1); 3, Risgman's Glaf (R Rousel, 12-1), ALSO (RAI-7). The Governor (Shi), 12 Ling (f), 16 Mountwille (pl/4), 20 Alumnus (B), 25 Hamila Boy, 33 Commander Christy (e), Italian Affair (eth), Sto O'Sman (Stiff), Seechwood Lad (ut/), 12 ran-4, 20, 11/2, 4, ck. Mm. D Haire at Newmarkst. TOTE 21.50; 21.10, 22.40, 82.20. Dr. 25.20. CSP, 23.16.

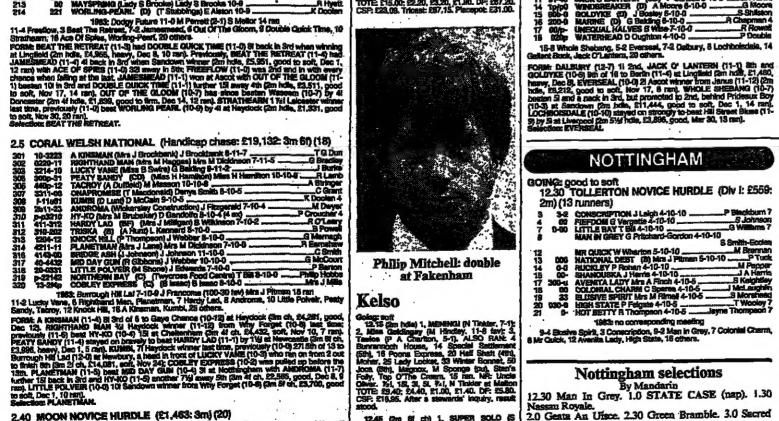
LOT 21.10.

1.30 (2m hole) 1, VAIGLY REL (Mr S Sherwood, 4-7 tar); 2, Ster of Selford (R Rowel, 25-1); 3, Legs of Birn (M Brenner, 9-2). ALSO RANK 8 No Butta (prig., 7 The Knife (cd. died), Sovereign Shot (Hr), 33 Scottische (cd. died), Sovereign Shot (Hr), 8 am. NR-Senfreston, 64, 42, 44, 5 P Mischell at Epson. TOTE: 21.30; 21.00, 23.80, 21.90, DP; 217.30. CSP 213.05, Sought in 2,100 gre. 119 2130-94 CITADEL ROC (Miss R Dudley) J M Bradley 5-10-0 _______ G Davies
1983: Dingber 7-11-4 K Moorney (S-2) J Wright 11 raw
7-2 Nickle Moppett, 4 Perny Sank, 9-2 Lord Leighton, 6 Wahnt Wonder, Five Drill, 6 WE Boreen,
10-Maty Fort, 14 Hadajar, 16 Mr Pascock, 20 others.
PCRME WALMUT WONDER (10-11) 82 2nd of 7 to Romany Nightshede (11-1) at Chelhanium (2m ch. £3,958, good to soft. Dec 8), LORD LEIGHTON (11-6) 71 2nd of .11 to Chemist Parry (10-11) at Wordester (ann. £1,805, heavy, Dec 19), FIRE DRILL (11-7) 188 3nd of 6 to Rum And Short (11-6) 113 at Taynton (3m n i ch. £1,578, soft, Dec 6), WILL SORREM (11-5) bent Yobor Of Progress (11-5) 13/2 at Hersford with DISHCLOTH (11-0) 301 away last of 3 infebers (2m of ch. £1,182, soft, Dec 20, 5 rank, MADALAR (10-3) 132 2nd of 9 to Gemelet (10-4) with MILL BORREM (10-1) best Yolds (11-6) 14/2 to 5th and WALMUT WONDER (11-9) 7th (Chepstow, 2m cb. £1,551, soft, Dec 1).
Selections WILL BORREM.

ET.40, ES./TD. DP. ETB.30. CSP. ETB.18,
2.30 (2m helis) 1, PAGANI SUM (A Cerroll, 1110 hey? 2, Genthand (S Smith Ecries, 6-1); 3,
Nice One Andy (J McLaughtin, 5-1), ALSO
PAN'S humberatic Lady, 8 Sylvan Barnura, 10
Downtown Husber (4th), 12 Tenerrown Lad, 14
State Burgot, 20 Polynor (6th), 25 Beaset Boy
(8th), 33 Mr Menecing, 50 About Time Too,
Arsuculaphus, (105ewood, Penny Lady (pu), 15
nn. 10, 2, 4, 21, 74, A Balley at Newmarket,
TOTE: E2.30; £1.40, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £3.70.
CSP. £10.22.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, LETTH HELL PLYER (A Wright, 4-1); 2, Cole Porter (3 Williams, 4-1); 3, Smilling Carvaller (Angus Machenr, 15-8 fav), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dee Park (4th), Villingo (5th); 5 ran. 10.2 Ft.1 sh hd, S. P. Milchall et Esseno. TOTE 23.50; 21.50, 21.70. Dr.; DAUDL CSP: 218.08.

3.30 Can India 1, DUDDELLO R. Browell, 4-1); 2, Princessa Handassa J. Suthern, 4-1); 3, Eurolisk Boy (A Wright, 4-1), ALSO RAN; 11-4 fav The Diplomat (Ath.), 4- Glarinawit, 2013, 10 Gritterfield, 12 Expeditions (SM), Goldoration, 30 Captien Calas, Friday Street, Alan Stuart. 11 ran. 1 y-1, 3, Ind. 11, 6, B Wise at Pologotal. TOTE 115.00; 22.20, 23.20, 6, 13.00 Dr.; 257.20, CSP: £23.09. Tricest: £67.15. Plenopot: £31.00.



Philip Mitchell: double at Fakenham

Kelso

Gology soft
12.15 (2m India) 1, McMintal (N Tintar, 7-1);
2, Miss Goldingary (M Hindley, 11-8 fav); 3,
Tasles (P A Charton, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 4
Burnarnoch House, 14 Special Settlement
(5th, 16 Poons Express, 20 Half Shaft (4th),
Mohar, 25 Lady Locket, 33 Winter Bonnet, 50
Jocs (8th), Megnon, M Sponge (and, Star's
Poly, Top O'The Cream, 15 ran, NR: Uncle
Obser, 7st, 18, 3t, 5t, 7st, N Tinter at Malton
TOTE 29,40; 24.40, 21.00, 21.40, DP: 25.80.
CSP, 218,95. After a stewards' Inquiry, result
stood.

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12.45 (2m 8f ch) 1, SUPER SOLO (S. Chariton, 4-1); 2, Linte Franciscom (C. Pirrioti, 11-1); 3, Sasand Beok, P. Lamb, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 5-4 fay Fox-1-Morn (f), 3 Gearys Cold Rolled (f), 20 Comments Ind. 6 res. 4i, 51. T. Craig at Durber, 10/10; 27.20; 24.80, 23.40. DP. 212.20, CSP. 236.05. DF: \$12.20. CSP: \$38.03.

1.15 (2m 4t hole) 1, RESENG FOREST (M. 7.45), Alternative; 2, Glen Lochan (D. Wildneson, 7-45.3, Romen Quest (St. T. Reed, 12-1), ALSO-RAN: 4 Yank Brown (Sth), 5 Target Man (Sth), 8 Litie Henry, 11 Bartzbutton, Authenn Bellet, 20 Hasty Import, Secret Lake (48%, 25 Silver Dreamer (pu), Susurms, 38 Miles Woody (pu), Pandwork Saint (pu), 50 Blackedder Brig (1), Pantagen (pu), Gold Lame (pu), Miles, Jay Cee, 18 rail, 487 Grasmins Gen, Bohesond, 7s. 2, 100, 2%, 5, 1 Fizzgerald at Mallon, TUTE: 23.70; \$1.10, \$2.30, \$5.00. DR: \$3.80. CSF: \$23.50.

1.48 (2m 198yd ch) 1, REAY'S SONG (C Grant, 3-1); 2, the Pongee (M Barner, 3-4); 3, Colenel Crede (At M Thornpoor, 12-1), ALSO PANE 7-4 (nv Cld Heed (40), 6 Santago (pu), 5 ran. 31, 23, 11, M Naujobich, 32, Richardon, 100 2.15 (3m ct) 1, PALM CROSS (P Barry, 15-8 tm/; 2, Rasnos's Son (R Emmittee, 5-2; 3, Welhalf (A Stringer, 14-1). ALSO RAN'S Mightly Ran (4th), 10 Harmonistroor (I), 35 Sweet Staffs (I), 6 tm. 2, 101, 151. Mass J Enton at Wennington, TOTE: 222.80; 22.70, 21.10, DF: 21.20, GSF: 28.27.

21.20. GSP: 96.27.

2.45 (2m hids) 1, ALBERTAT (C Grant, 10-1);
2. Tauches Arch S Chartion, 5-1; S. Armaniads
(M Barrea, 14-1). ALSO RANC 2 lies Acreaniads
(Bell, 7 Victory Boy, Part-Ex (Sth), 8 Tarctin
(4th), Blue Tarquin, 20 (log's 10th. 9 cm. 24, 2),
hd. 3; S. Denya Synth at Auditand, TOTE13.40; 22.50, 21.20, 12.50, DP. 210, 50, CSP.
253-23. Tarchin intend first but after a
stewarth, inquiry was disqualified and placed
fourth. fourth. Placepoi: 243.65.

• The Jockey Club has set up a working party under the chairman-ship of the deputy senior steward, General Sir Cecil Blacker, to examine as a matter of ingency the implications of Sunday racing with on and off-course betting. The working party will report in time to participate in the general debate on the liberalisation of Sunday rading. following last month's publication of the Auld Committee's report.

GOING: good to soft 12.30 TOLLERTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £559: 2m) (13 runners) BRE CRECK W Whaton 5-10-10 S 006 NATIONAL DEST (8) Mrs. J Pitmen 5-10-10 6-0 RICKLEY P Robert 4-10-10 00-0 SHANDUSKA J Herris 4-10-10 00-0 COLONEAL CHARM C Spores 4-10-5 00 COLONEAL CHARM C Spores 4-10-5 03 ELISTYE SPIRIT Mrs. M Rimel 4-10-5 09-0 HIGH STATE P Feignes 4-10-5 09-10 HIGH STATE P Feignes 4-10-5

NOTTINGHAM

Path. Michael Seely's Selection: 1.0 State Case.

1.30 TOLLERTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div 11: 2567:

Two-day ban for O'Gorman

mount ahead after the last to beat double for Chris Grant, who earlier Albertat and Thorbell Arch, but gartnered Reays Song an eight Steve Charlton, the rider of the lengths winner of the Elibank Selling Third, objected to Tarchin for "crossing and sandwiching on the winners this season."

Tarchin's trainer, John Leadhet- Newcastle next week.

Super Solo made it two wins at

LINGFIELD

CRICKET England's conquest of the East has a hollow ring

Gauhati (Press Association) -England cantered to victory by an innings and 121 runs here yesterday morning when they bowled out East Zone for 52 in two hours. It was England's first win over an Indian zonal side for 20 years. Mike Smith's team lecating South Zone in 1964. Although England's bowlers, particularly Foster and Ed-

monds, carried out a highly professional demolition job vesterday, there was a hollow ring about the victory. East are recognized as the weakest zonal team in India and the poor wicket in the Nehru Stadium was ripe for exploitation.

Nevertheless England must be surprised that East Zone.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND: First Innings 290 (G Fowler 114; A Kumer 5 for 81)

| Second Innings |
|-------------------------------|
| K Otcher a Cutton b Contac |
| A Lal. c Cowdrey, b Foster |
| A MIRITAL CEZOWOTRY D POSTRY |
| A Jayaprakash, I-b-w b Cowans |
| A Bharodway b Marks |
| A Das. b Edmonds |
| R Dears. c Galling. b Edmonds |
| R Singh, tun out |
| A Compa turi dut |
| A Sinna, c French, b Edmonds |
| D Doshi, b Edmonds, |
| Extras (b 1) |
| Extras (6 1) |
| |

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-3, 3-12, 4-14, 5-17, 6-27, 7-37, 8-38, 9-38, 10-52. BOWLING Foster, 15-6-32-3; Cowans, 8-3-4-1, Edmonds, 9-3-13-4; Marks 0.4-0-2-1.

who were one for no wicket overnight and following on 153 runs behind on first innings. capitulated so quickly. Foster began the rout when, with only two runs added, he had Arun Lal and Avik Mitra caught by Cowdrey at short leg from successive balls, Then, at 12, an outswinger from Foster saw Karun Dubey held at slip.

There was a spate of missed England catches, with the normally reliable Mike Gatting and Graeme Fowler at fault Allan Lamb also dropped Anil Bharadwaj first ball when the batsman was facing a "king Edmonds. The conditions were pair" and East Zone could have ideal for the Middlesex man. been 12 for six. Bharadwaj went

Steele gives up at 43 the doughty fight

David Steele, the Northampton-shire all-rounder, has retired from Since an exploiter, has retried from first-class cricket after 22 seasons. He played in eight Test matches for English and made his debut fot Northamptonshire in 1963. He went to Derbyshire as captain in 1979 but returned to Northamptonshire after

Steele, aged 43, said vesterday: Steele, aged 43, said yesterday:
"When you come to the end of a
season you tend to forget the aches
and pains but the limbs are getting
older and I have decided that this is
the time to go. "I have been offered a
contract for next season by the
county and I did consider it
carefully. I will accept a good offer I
have received from a clob in the
Birmingham and District League."

him his first chance, against Australia, at Lord's in 1975. He scored 50 in his first lunings and that season be emerged as a doughty

Aston Vitla v Newcastle United ...

West Ham United v Southamoton

Sheffield Wed v Stoke City ...

Cardiff City v Sheffield United ...

Portugouth v Oxford Linited

Fulham v Manchester City

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First division



Neil Foster: the man who started the rout of East Zone

Lamb's miss at second slip could hardly be described as expensive. After six overs from Cowans

had cost only four runs for the wicket of Ashjit Jayaprakash. England turned to the spin of Edmonds. The conditions were who quickly bowled Amal Das. of the innings.

on to a top score of 30, but has Rajiv Deora caught at slip and Akhiles Sinha stumped. Edmonds also bowled Doshi to finish with figures of four for 13 analysis of six for 38.

Randiri Singh was run out for nought and the other wicket fell to Vic Marks, who bowled Bharadwaj with his fourth ball

Jesty leaves Hampshire

Trevor Jesty, aged 36, the former England all-rounder, has been released at his own request, by Hampshire, the club he has served Hampshire, the club he has served for 18 years, following the appointment yesterday of Mark Nicholas as captain. Nicholas, nine years Jesty's junior, was named as, successor to Nick Pocock, whose resignation half-way through last season prompted Jesty to give up the vice-captaincy when Nicholas took over instead. Jesty, who played for England in

10 one-day internationals in 1983, said Hampshire have consistently refused to tell him why he was not made captain when Pocock re-signed. "If they had told me the real reason I might have been prepared to stay on", he said. Jesty, the only Hampshire-born

player in the first-team squad, blames the club's preference for captains educated at public school

Jesty went to a secondary modern school, in Gosport, and believes this may have hindered him for the top job. "I thought things were changing

Third division

Pumley v Walsall

Hull City v Brentford .

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ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Brentwood v
Halstmad: Cheimston: v Sawbridgeworth;
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Joey Jones: may return for

Chelsea at Everton this afternoon, having proved his

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Jesty: squeezed out

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Stenhousemuir v Allox Athletic .

Scottish second division

Kilmarnock v Clyde

HOCKEY

Blackheath hope to get off the ground

By Sydney Friskin

Blackheath, who were runners-up last season to East Grinstead in the National Club championship, are without a point at the bottom of the League, sponsored to Atari. They are hoping to get off the ground when they entertain Richmond

The task will not be easy against a rell-balanced Richmond side whose resources in attack include Atkin-son, a Cambridge Blue, and Girdwood They are also well served at the back by Newton and by Philby in goal. Richmond have only one win in four matches, two of Among Blackheath's problems is

Among Blackheath's problems is the absence of Butt, their resource-ful inside forward, whose place in the attack is taken by his brother, Wasim, promoted from the second XI. He will play at centre forward and Imtiaz will move to inside left. Bob Cattrall, who recently returned from Karachi with the Great Britain bronze medal winning Great Britain bronze medal winning team, will make his first appearance for Hounslow against Old Kingsto-nians in the percentage league of the ame competition.

Westellff, who are fourth in the

premier division of the East League, sponsored by Norwich Union, are at full strength for their home match against Bishops Stortford. With Marriner in defence, Anderson in the middle and French to lead the attack, Westeliff hope to improve their position. Bishops Stortford are Peter Nicholson, who was on

Peter Nicholson, who was on duty with the England indoor squad, will not play for Lancashire in the crucial Boxing Day match against Cheshire at Liverpool Sefton, where the Northern division of the county championship will be decided. If Cheshire lose or draw, Lancashire and Yorkshire will qualify for the national rounds of the comportion and former of the competition.

Lancashire have three teenagers.

Cartnell. David and Michael Cooke in their forward line, and also Ferns from the England Under-21 squad. Cheshire are at full strength except that Robbie Smith, their centre forward, is still troubled by his injured Achilles tendon.

RACKETS

Schoolboy joins elite roll of Cup winners

Rupert Owen-Browne, the outstanding schoolboy player from Tonbridge, joined the elite roll of winners of the H. J. Foster Cup, which includes former world champions. William Surfees and Howard Angus when he defined David Dick, of Harrow yesterday by 15-12, 15-6, 10-15, 15-5 at Queen's Club (William Stephens writes).

Owen-Browne has the finest backhand since Surtees, the double-

handed stroke engendering astor-ishing stacking power like a coiled spring even from unfavourable and awkward positions. Athough an awkward positions. Athough an exciting left-handed batsman, his forehand is right-handed. Dick colly volleyed the bullet-like

a cricket, with people like Gatting and Botham leading their counties, but in Hampshire's case they belously still prefer public schoologs."

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Abingdon Town v Almondsbury Graenway;
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Saturday

Television and radio programmes Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 2

2.05 Hortzon: Supercharged. A history of Grand Prix racing from 1929, when it was

dominated by enthusias amateurs to 1939 when

2.55 Music from St George's. The

professionalism was creeping in, led by the Mercedes Benz

company, urged on by Hitler's tanaticism (shown last

last of six concerts from St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol. The Philip Jones Brass Ensemble play works by Handel, Salzedo, Praetorius,

angford and John Bull.

International Sheepdog Championship, Introduced by

Sir Geraint Evans, Today's programme deals with the way

carols were re-discovered in the 19th century. With the Choir of Christ Church

reports from Santa Caterina in Italy where the Ladies'

Downhill is in progress. With

the leading contenders' form.

Dragon King. A cartoon story based on a Chinese legend

about a young boy who gives his life to save his fellow countrymen from the evil * Dragon King.

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Konrad Bartelski assess

6.15 Little Nezha Fights Great

7.15 Princes' Progress. A programme that follows the progress of the two-and-a-half-year-old Prince William

old to the latest pictures

showing him bouncing his baby brother on his knee

7.45 The Natural World: Lost World

documentary about the

creatures that five in a lake

hidden in the jungle of a remote Pacific Island. The narrator is Barry Paine.

one of Ingmar Bergman's

three-part journey into childhood. The five Oscar

winning film tells of an upper

Swedish town at the turn of

the century. On Christmas Eve the family and their servants prepare for the festivities they

two and three on Friday and

starring Paul Newman and Julie Andrews. An Alfred

Hitchcock thriller about a

missing American nuclea scientist who suddenly leaves a conference in Stockholm to

go to East Berlin. Has he defected? His fiancee and

colleague follows him to find

(Webber/McCabe) and Stanford's 'Irish' Symphony. Also Debussy's Petite Suite (Helffer and Austbo,

(soprano), Britten's Les Illuminations and Bruckner's

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2.30 Emil Gileis: piano recital. Includes Prokofiev's Sonata No 3 in A

4.05 Martinu: Angelica May and Austrian Radio SO. The Cello Concerto No 2.1 4.45 Three Voices and Plano: with

4.45 Three Voices and Planc: with James Bowman, Peter Pears, John Shirley-Quirk and Benjamin Britten. Songs by Britten, Wolfand Schützf.
5.30 New Premises: arts review, by Stephen Games.
5.15 SBC Philhermonic Orchestra: Mahler's Symptiony No 8.1

7.40 Liberty Comes to Krahwinkal: Johann Nestroy's comedy, translated by Sybil and Colin Welch. Cast includes George Layton, John Hollis and Timothy Retector (14)

9.00 Fauré and Francic Malcolm Binns

Bly Ameling and Rudolf Janser: Soprano and piano recital. All the works are by Schubert. They include Abendbilder, D 650.1

(piano). Includes Franck's Pratude: Aria and Finale.

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11.57 News. Until 12.00.

minor and Beethoven's Sonata k B.flat, Op 106.†

out the truth. Ends at 12.20.

10.10 Film: Tom Curtain (1966)

class family living in a

8.35 Fanny and Alexander, Part

7.40 News with Jan Leeming.

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Phil Drabble from a course above Loch Lomond (r).

Leeming (subtitled),

Cathedral, Oxford.

5.40 Ski Sunday. David Vine

3.45 One Man and his Dog. Heat one of the BBC Television

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.30 The Perishers (r). 8.35 The Littlest Hobo (r). 9.00 Saturday Superstore, managed by Mike Read, With music from the Thompson Twins, Stade and Cantabile; humour from Basil Brush; sport from skaters Karen Barber and Nicky Slater, plus cartoons and pop videos. 12.12 Weather. .15 Grandstand, introduced by

Desirond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.20 Football focus with Bob Wilson; 12.50 News; 12.55, 1.25 and 2.00 Racing 12.55, 1.25 and 2.00 Racing from Chepstow (including the Weish Grand National); 1.10 Ski-ing: Downhill racing from Santa Catarina in Italy; 1.40 Motor Racing from Brands Hatch; 2.20 Rugby League: a John Player Special Cup third round match; 3.45 Football bolk steam and match; 3.45 nalf-times and reports; 3.55 Reliyeross from Brands Hatch: the Motaquip British Grand Prix: 4.40 Final score.

LOS News with Moira Stuart, 5.15 i.20 Keith Harris Christmas Show with guests Alvin Stardust, the Roly Polys, the Ding Bets and Patrick Moore. Patrick Moore. 1.55 The Circus World Championships fr The Park State

Championships from the Robert Brothers Big Top at Wembley. The world's best compete for gold medals in three categories – the Single Trapeze; Circus Family; and Flying Trapeze. The contempers are Selve from contenders are Sabu from South America: Dimitri of South Africa; the Equeds from the United States; the Flying Jiminez from Mexico; and the National Circus of Pyongyang. The ringmaster is Norman Barrett and the commentator, Richard Skinner. Richard Skinner.

8.45 Film: Breakheart Pass (1975) The state of the s

Film: Breakheart Pass (1975) starring Charles Bronson and Ben Johnson. John Deaking is supposed to be the prisoner of Marshal Pearce. They are crossing the Rockles by train in the company of a group of US Cavalry who are en route to misure an isoletof for the to relieve an isolated fort, the scene of a diptheria epide But everything is not what it seems and in the course of the hazardous journey, several deeths occur. Written by Alistair Maclean and directed by Tom Gries (Ceefax).

8.15 Dynasty. Has the racehorse Allegre been stolen for revenge or for ransom? Blake believes it is the latter. Meanwhile, Peter de Vilbis announces his engagement to Fallon (Ceefax).

9.05 Wogan's Women. Terry Wogan and Felicity Kendal re-examine Mr Wogan's technique with his lady guests. Among those are Grace Jones, Raquel Welch, Sophie Loren and Bo Derak 0.00 News and sport. With Moks

0.15 Films of the Year. Barry Norman's personal choice of the best and worst of the 230 films that have been rele this year. Among those stars with Mr Norman giving their tavourties of the year are Helen Mirren, Tom Contil and John Hurt.

John Hust. 1.10 Film: The Big Steep" (1946) Lauren Bacail. Bogart stars as Philip Marlows, called to the home of the bedridden millionaire, General ternwood. The visit leads Marlowe into a conspiracy involving blackmell, drugs and rder, at the heart of which are the General's two rughters, Carmen and Vivien Produced and directed by Howard Hawks (Ceafax). 1.00 Weather.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Prelude 1 6.30 News;

Farming, 6.50 Prayer, 6.55

7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 in

9.00 News. 9.05 Christmas in Poland. With Kevin

11.30 A Christmas Story by Joe Mahon.
A festive play starring Joe
Gormley and Shella McGlobon.
12.00 News; A Shell Country Living at

12.27 News Cutz of the Year: Part one. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? from London.
1.55 Shaping.
2.00 News; The Alternoon Play: "Rose

Joyce Garey. 3.00 News; Children Talking . . . About 3.39 Further Thanks to Uncle Fred.

Musical reminiscences from Isabella Wallich.
4.15 The Bitter and the Sweet. The

story of two pioneering sisters in the backwoods of Canada. 4.45 Persona Grata. Roy Piomisy on

5.00 Wildlife. 5.25 Week Ending t 5.50 Shipping.

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Karluk. The story of the Canadian

three of his favourite humorous characters from fiction.

at Roquebrune' by Dawn Lowe-Watson, with Mary Peach and

9.50 News Stand, Cofin Semper

reviews the weekly mage 10.05 The Week in Westminster Robert Carvel. 10.30 Pick of the Week.1

On Tolk Parm. 7.45 m Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. News. 8, 10 Today's Papers. 8, 15 Smeah of the Day. Take it from Hers. Christinas with the Glums

r).† 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament.

Tv-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain

presented by Henry Kelly. News at 6.25, 7.00 and 8.00; Saturday Call discussing children's books from 6.30: sport at 7.10. The guests include Lord Soper, the Rev Roger Royle, Larry Adler and the Gabrielli String Quartet. 8.30 The Wide Awake Club for young people. .

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9.25 Disney at Christmas. 101 Dalmations. 9.30 The Bells of Fraggle Rock, 10.00 The Saturday Starship, presented by Bonnie Langford, Tommy Boyd and Nigel Roberts, it's Christmas Eve at the ... ignitiouse and the snow is falling thick and fast. The Captain, played by Fulton Mackay, and Sprocket are their Christmas dinner may not be able to reach the rock, 11.20 Durrell and the Dode. A

profile of Gerald Durrell's
Jersey Zoo.

12.15 World of Sport Introduced by
Dickie Davies. The line-up is:
12.20 Ski-ling from Santa
Caterine. 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Ball with lan St John on the base with suit 52 John and Jimmy Greaves; 1.15, 1.45 and 2.15 Recing from Lingfield; 1.30, 2.00 and 3.10 Figure Skating: The World Professional Championships from Landover, Maryland, feet stin Croull surf Deserv testuring Torvill and Deen; 2.30 The Gaymera Olde-English Cyder. "Celebrity Stora" from the La Manga Club, Spain. Ian Bothem and Lennie Bennett lead two teams in a competition embracing terms, golf and cricket; 3.45 Football half-times and reports; 4.06 Wreating: three-bouts from Aylebury; 4.45 Desuits

5.00 News and Sport. 5.05 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers. 5.40 Grumbleweeds Radio Show Christmas Special Music comedy and impressions from the talented quanter. 6.10 Punchlines. Celebrity panel

game presented by Lennie Bennett (Oracle). 6.50 Russ Abbot's Christman Madhouse, Lunacy from the popular cornedian (Oracle).

7.50 3-2-1. Game show, presented by Roy Hudd. A special calebrity edition with the proceeds going to two charities – the Bud Flanagan Leukaemia Fund and the Handicapped Children's Ald Committee (Oracle). 8.50 Tarby and Friends at

Christmas, Jimmy Tarbuck's guests are Millicent Martin, The Moody Blues, Dave Brenner, Les Dennis and Dustin Gee. 9.45 News

10.00 There's Something Wrong in Paradise. A musical set in the mythical Caribbean Island of Zylina. Starring Kid Creole and the Coconuits, Karen Black and the Three Degrees. The story, such as it is, concerns the Kid and the Coconuts, who have been shipwrecked on an island which is ruled by the despotic and racist President group's mbx-raced line-up.

11.35 London news headlines followed by Bellamy. The polloemen is on the trail of a mad axe-killer who has escaped from custody. 12.20 Scrooge's Rock 'n' Roll Christmas with Bobby Christmas with Bobby Goldsboro; Paul Revere and the Raiders, The Association,

Mike Love and Three Dog 1.10 Night Thoughts from Moshe Davis.

Pickwick Papers' and 'Christmas

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Wild (available in England and S. Wates only): Radio 4 viri as above except: 5.55-8.00em Westher, Travel. 1.55-2.00em Programms News, 5.50-6.55 Programms

Radio 3

5.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Auberte: Includes Bruch's
Scottleh Fantasy (Rabin, sololet);
Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata
(Raming/Parsons), and Act 1 of

9.05 Record Review: Includes a consumer's guide to Falla's The Three-Comered Hst.1
10.15 Stereo Release: Includes Mazan's Plano Quartet (in Ginnor, K. 478 (Besux Arts Trio).1
11.15 BBC Weish SO, with Peter Donehoe (plano), includes Ractimeninov's Plano Concerto No S; and Museorgaly's Pictures from an exhibition (orch Ravel).1
1.00 News.
1.05 Cešo and Plano: Steven Isserts (pisio), Peter Evans (pisno).

(cello), Peter Evans (plano). Includes Brahms's Sonata in E

includes Brahms's Sonata in E minor, and Jamsoek's Pohadica? 2.00 if Trovetore: Verdi's opera, sung in Italian. Cast includes Joan Sutherland, Panarotti; Horne and Wissal. National Philinamonic Orchestra/London Opera Chorus. Bonyinge conducts. Acts 3 and 4 at 3.20. 5.00 Jazz Paccard Research.

5.00 Jazz Record Requests; with Peter Clayton.
 5.45 Critics' Forum: Topics discussed include the ITV production of

(Fleming/Parsons), and Act 1 of Adam's Le Dieble a Cuetre † 9.00

10.00 News. 10.15 A Day in the Jungle. With Stepher

Sutton. 11,00 Evening Service.† 11.15 The Demon Cakestand of Beastley Chasa. A tale from the Mausoleum Club.†

11.30 in One Ear. Comedy half-hour. 12.00 News; Weather.

12.15 Victorian Citristmas Miscellen Cast includes Richard Briers,



BBC 2 9.00 Captax. 2.50 Film: The Old lifen and the See (1958) starring Spencer Tracey. Hemingway's classic tale of a fisherman's light to land a large martin – his first bite after 64 days fruitless envisances in the fault of endeavour in the Gulf of Mexico. Directed by John Sturges.

4.15 It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. A romantic comedy about a frustrated dogooder. When he faces financial ruin he finds helpfrom an extremely high place. Produced and directed by Frank Capra. 6.20 Shakespeare in Perspective. Eleanor Bron introduces

Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, to be shown on this channel tonight at 8.15. Miss Bron looks upon the courtship of Beatrice and Benedick as the sub-plot that provides 'the richness and tepth of the play and it is they who command our attention as real human beings'. Filmed at Broughton Castle, Oxfordshire. rs and Sport.

7.00 The First Noels. Part five of the seven-programme history of carols and Sir Geraint Evans examines regional carol customs which have survived for centuries. With the William Byrd Choir and the Holman Climax Choir.
7.15 Born in the USA – A Whistie

Test report on Bruce Springstein, for a decade one of the United States' greatest rock music talents and the source of quotes for both President Reagan and Walter young people during the recent Presidential election. Springstein has given only four television interviews in the past seven years - two of them for Whistle Test including this one which was recorded at a concert before an audience of 20,000 at the

8.15 The Saturday Alternative: Much Ade About Nothing, by William Shakespeare, starring Robert Lindsay, Cherie Lunghi, Robert Reynolds and Katherine Lavy. This domestic comedy of mariners also features taicheel Elphick and Clive Dunn as the two clowns - Dogberry and Verges. Directed by Stuart Burge. 19.45 Arena Special from the

nternational music featival at Varadero in Cube. 12.00 Film: Blood From the Misnmy's Tomb (1971) starring Andrew Kelr and horror about an archaeologist no finds the burial place of an Egyptian queen who is supposed to possess powers from beyond the grave. The director, Seth Holt, died during the making of this film. Ends at

Pinter's A Kind of Alaska; and

Bond's Saved. 8.35 Franz Schmidt the second

version of his Culnter in A.
7.35 The Angel on the Train: Michael
Pennington reads Eugene
Dubriov's atory.
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9.00 Born of the Virgin Mary: a talk by Professor Keith Ward. 8.20 Hender's Measian: the second

and third parts.†
11.00 Haydri: Recordings including the Divertimento in B flat, H XV1 2

Radio 2

4.00mm John Turner,† 6.00 The Saturds Show,† 8.05 David Jecobe,† 10.00 Sound of the 80a,† 11.00 Album Time,† 1.00pm Radio Active, 1.30 Sport On 2: Including 5.15 Scottish Football; 5.20

Dingley Dell Christmas (Radio 4, 8.30pm)

(Marlowe, harpsichord), and Sonata in B minor, H V11 32 (Bileon, forteplano).† 11.57 News. Until 12.00.

CHANNEL 4 1.05 Making the Most Of ... Inexpensive leisure time

pursuits (r).
1.30 Chips' Comic. Educational series for children. 2.00 Film: Home at Seven" (1952) starring Ralph Richardson as a bank clerk who discovers 24 hours missing from his life -a period of time in which £500 goes missing and a man is murdered. With Margaret Laighton and Jack Hawkins.

Directed by Ralph Richardson 3.35 Film: The Holly and the by" (1952) starring Raiph Richardson as a country parson whose life is changed by family revelations that take place over the Christmas holiday, Directed by George More O'Fernall.

5.00 Brookside (r). 6.00 Tube Band Aid. A repeat of the Tube item on the making of the Band Ald record in aid of 6.30 7 Days. This week's edition compares the gospel narratives dealing with the Nativity. With Dr Marie leases, a Biblical acholar; Dr Paddy Fitzpatrick, a Roman Catholic

priest and reader in

philosophy at Durham University, and Metropolitan Anthony of Sourceh, patriarchal head of the Russian Orthodox Church. 7.00 News summary and weather followed by Film: This is Elvis (1981). A dramatized documentary account of the life and career of Elvis Presley

Directed by Malcolm Leo and Andrew Solt. 9.00 Two Track Mind. A musical drama based on a single day in a woman's life. The two tracks are the parallel lives of Kay and Karen, one a harassed housewife, the other a rock star. Are they the same person? The programme includes six original songs written by Mike Moran. Starring Sue Jones-Davies.

9.45 Don Quixota, An American Ballet Theater production, based on the classic tale by Miguel de Cervantes. Mikhail Baryshnikov stars in this story of a young girt's cliemma when she talls in love with someone other than the man chosen for her by her father. With Frank Smith, Cynthie Harvey, Richard Scahfer and Brisn 11.20 Ian Breekwell's Christmas

Diary. The latter-day Pepys is this evening beselged by rats, transles and dead fowls. 11.30 Film: Skatsboard (1977) starring Allen Garfie Comedy about an agent who is heavily in debt to a victous ter. He tries to make

the money he owes by starting a professional sketaboard team but his hopes of solvence founder when the star of the am threatens to leave. Directed by George Gage. 1.20 Closedown.

5.25 Recing Results. 5.30 Knokke Cup 1984. 5.00 Folk On 2. 7.00 Jazz Score at Ronnie Scott's. 7.30 A Celebration of Cistetmas (Dana, Ciff Richard, Roy Caste), 9.30 Big Band Special: 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Ken Bruce.: 12.05 Night Owis.† 1.00 Peter Dickson and Charles Nove.† 3.00-4.00 Country 8.00 Hander's Messigh: Part one. City of London Sinfonie/Richard

Radio 1

5.55am Radio 1 Chip Shop. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Let Travis. 1.00pm Lenny Henry.† 2.00 Paul Gembecchi.† 4.00 Seturday Live.† 6.30 Feet The Spirit (London Community Gospel Choin, 7.30 Ian Brass, 9.30-12.00am Diois Peach, VHF RADIOS 1 & 2-4.00am With Radio 2, 1.00pm With Radio 1, 7.36-12.00am With Radio 2.

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BBC 1

9.00 Fingerbobs. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). \$.15 Knock Knock. Children's religious stories from around the world. 9.30 Away in a Manger. Children's songs, thoughts, stories and pictures on the subject of the

10.00 Asian Magazine celebrates Christmas with a song by the Cheir of Good News Church, Birmingham, 10,30 Bonanza. Hoss and Candy are mistake for outlaws when an old man goes too far in trying to justify his tall stories (r).

11.20 Merning Worship from St John's Methodist Church, Colvyn Bsy. 12.05 Peace in No Man's Land. The story of the Christmas truce bet the German and British force on the Western Front, 70 years ago (r). 12.40 Walt Till Your Father Gets Home. A new cartoon series featuring The Boyles - an archetypal American family, Made by

1.05 Kung Fiz. The first of a series Carradine.

1.50 News headlines: 1.55 The Rock Gospel Show Christmas Special presented by Shella Watsh. Among those appearing are Cliff Richard and Alvin Stardust. 2.30 The Old Man of Hoy. Highlights of the climb, recorded in August, when 17-

year-old Zoe Brown, urged on by her father Joe, scaled the 450ft sandstone piller. 3.10 Film: Ice Station Zebra (1968) starring Rock Hudson, Alistatr MacLean's adventure about how a remote British base in the Arctic becomes the focal

point of a confrontation tween East and West. Directed by John Sturges. 5.30 The Prisoner of Zends. The sixth and final episode and Rudolph sets off for Zenda Castle to try and rescue the

6.00 News with Jan Leeming. 6.10 Appeal by Jimmy Hitl on behalf of The Boys' Brigade.

6.15 Songs of Preise. Carols for Christmas from Lincoln Cathedral. (Ceefax). 7.15 Ever Decreasing Circles.

Martin refuses to go to Paul's party so Ann goes on her own. When he wakes up in the morning he receives a nasty shock. 7.45 Big Deal. Robby is generous

a card school but he soon regrets his open-hand when he discovers that £500 of it is counterfeit (Ceefax).

8.35 Film: Steptoe and Son (1972) starring Wilfred Brambell, Harry H Corbett and Carolyn Saymour. Love comes to Harold in the shape of Zita, a stripper. They plight their troth despite Albert's opposition but do not find instant happiness because Albert decides to join them on their hopeymoon. Directed by Citfi Owen. 10.10 Frank and Selina's Christ

Time. Frank Bough and Selina Scott with a preview of goodies to be seen on BBC period. Plus Paul Daniels conjuring up Christmas surprises, Barry Norman selecting his favourite films from the 60 odd that are on offer this holiday - including 10 receiving their premiere on Smith who reports from the set of the Christmas Day special of Just Good Friends

10.45 News with Jan Learning. 11.00 The Hot Show Show. Wavns Sleep leads an array of the best dancers in the country in a celebration of song and

11.55 James Last Christmas Concert from St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Radio 4

Morning Has Broken.
7.00 News; 7.18 Sunday Papers; 7.15
April Hi Ghar Samelhiye; 7.45
Bells; 7.50 Turning Over New

Leaves. 8.00 News; 8.10 Sunday Papers; 8.15 Sunday; 8.50 Week's Good Cause.

9.00 News; 9.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Letter From America by Alistair

Cooke. 9.20 Morning Service (St. David's,

Aberystwyth, Presbyterian, Church of Wales and URC). 10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.

11.15 Westend.
12.00 News; My Music. A seasonal edition.1
12.30 The Food Programma. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Westend: News; 1.55 Shireless

1.00 The World This Weekend: News;
1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Treasures and Trifles.
With Bernard Price.
2.30 The Afternoon Piey: "When The
Snow Lay Round About by
James Forsyth, With David Buck
as King Wenceslas.":
4.00 News; Everymen's Guide to
Mornington Crescent, With
Raymond Baxter, Wittem
Rushton, Graeme Garden, Tim
Brooks-Taylor and Barry Cryer.
4.30 The Rector of Haworth, Denys
Hawthoms as the Rev. Patrick

Hawthome as the Rev. Patrick Bronts in his own feature about the man who produced a remarkable farely of writers.

On long wave.† Also VHF stereo. 5.55 Shipping. 8.00 News Briefing; 6.10 Pretude.† 6.30 News;

12.45 Weather.

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muris Christmas Special (r),

11.00 Chips. The two motorcycle missile system. 12.00 Cartoon Time. 12.15 Kelly's

Eye. Matthew Kelly goes to Wast Africa to see if there are any answers to the problems of drought and famine. He

1.30 The Big Match, presented by Brian Moore, Highlights from matches played yesterday afternoon in the First and

2.15 London news headlines followed by Children Sing Christmas at Canterbury. A concert of Christmas mus

3.15 Film: Scrooge (1970) starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness Edith Evans and Kenneth Moore, A musical version of

5.15 Jasper Carrott Got This Mole A cartoon story written and narrated by Jasper Carrott. 5.30 Bullseye. Darts and general

6.25 Highway Christmas Special. Sir Harry Secombe is in Bethlehem. Not the tamous one but the town in Dyfed,

Blagins.

9.30 Play: December Flower, by Judy Allen. Jean Simmons, Mona Washbourne, Pat Nevwood, June Ritchie and Bryan Forbes. A drama about the newly-widowed Etta Marsh who goes to stay with her elderly Aunt M whom she has never met. She experiences nothing but outright host@ty from the people close to the equeum our zon us termined that her aunt should be better looked after.

John Williams. A selection of music from the singer and the guitarist. Plus John Dankworth and his Orchestra and Young Musician of the Year, violinist Nigel Kennedy. 11.45 London news headlines

of the people who are making positive afforts to bring peace to all parts of the globe. Followed by Close

TV-am

6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by David Frost begins with a Thought for Sunday from Bishop Konstant; news at 7.00, 8.00 and 9.00; Rub-e-Dub-Tub at 7.02; cartoon at 8.02; John Walls and Nigel Rees review the newspapers at 8.50. The guests include Midge Ure.

9.25 Dianey at Christmas. Mickey Christmas Carol. 9.30 The

10.00 Morning Worship from St George's Floman Catholic Cathodral, Southwark.

policemen stop a suspect drunken driver only to discove in his car plans for a military

meets some of the people who are helping to rebuild the lives of shattered communities. 1.00 Terrahawks defend the Fort Knox of space from the evil

Second divisions.

from Canterbury Cathedral.

Directed by Ronald Neame (Oracle) \$

knowledge game, presented by Jim Bowen.

6.15 News.

7.15 The Queen and her Ceremonial Horses. Peter Williams tells the story of the people and the animals housed in the Royal Mews and of The Queen's close involvement with them

8.15 Surprise Surprise! The unexpected presented by Citta Black and Christopher 9.15 Nows.

followed by Street Dres documentary that traces the history of the early hot-rod motors from the fun cars into the fast flery racers of today's show pieces of the American Dave Lee-Travis. 12.40 Peace, Gill Nevill meals some

Lloyd (as Captain Beeksy) and Lesie Phillips as Hissing Sid.† 7.15 The Migraine Sufferer's History of Music. With Robin Balley (r). 7.35 A Small Country Living at Christinias. With Jeanine pianos).† 10.30 Music Weekly: Includes John 11,15 BBC SO: with Josephine Barston

8.00 A Musical Evening. The Australian mezzo-soprano, Yvonne Minton, talks about her

9.00 News; Maeters' India. John Masters's saga of the Savage family spanning the years 1825-1946. Book Three: 'The Lotus and the Wind'. (4) 'Horses North'.

end the Wind*. (4) "Horses North"
10.00 News.
10.15 Westher-wise. With Anthony
Smith.
11.90 Mindful of the Love. Cenon
Afficities! Austin talks about Hell.
11.15 Now We Are 60. Barry Norman
talks to Christopher Robin Mine
and friends about the real world
of Winnie the Pool (f).
11.45 Racio Brynstencyn. The one-mer
radio station on Anglessy.
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany.

12.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany,1 VHF (available in England & S. Wales only), Radio 4 VHF as above, except 5.5-6.00am Weather, Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.56 Programme News.

Radio 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Beroque Christmes Music: includes Torell's Concerto grosso in G minor, Op 8 No 6 (Pastorale per il Santissimo

remarkable family of writers. 5.00 News; Travel. 8.00 Brahms Chamber Musica Includes the Clarinet Sonata in E-flat major Op 120 No 2 (Includes and the String) 5.05 Christmas in Poland, With Kevin (Kali/Ricean), and the String Sextet Op 38.1 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice: Includes John Ireland's Callo Sonata News.
The Woodland Gospels. Captain Beakey and his Band return . . . Beskey and his Bang remin. With David Langton, Jeremy

9.45 Utah SO: with Elmar Oliveira (violin), Includes Sibelius's Violin Concerto; Dvorak's Serenade in 11.00

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

year-old Louise, the second daughter of Mylamvy and Gordon Williams who run a farm near the Brecon 4.30 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. The story of Irises (r). Beacons, who will reach her majority in the year 2000. 4.55 News Review. A digest of the week's news. With Jan 5.25 The First Noels. The sixth of seven programmes tracing the history of carols, presented by

Albert Finney: he plays Scrooge in Ronald Neame's film version of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol (ITV, 3.15pm)

4.00 Book Four. The final programme of the series, presented by Hermione Lee. She is joined by Germaine Greer, Peter Ackroyd and **Humphrey Carpenter who** each nominate their favourite book of 1984, the book they were most disappointed by and the paperback they most enjoyed re-reading.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Utopia Limited. Sandra Naidoo usee the example of the fishing port of Chimbote in Paru to highlight to root causes of fil-health in the Third

1.30 Irish Angle. With half the population aged under 25 in Southern Ireland and with the

country in the grip of a major

severe unemployment Irish Angle examines the plight of

the young unemployed who, traditionally, would have emigrated to the United States or the United Kingdom to find

2.00 Silent Laughter. A compilation

of some of the best silent comedy classic routines.

3.30 Citizen 2000. A portrait of two-

4.30 Karen Armstrong in conversation with Jasuit Gerard Hughes who talks about whether all the world's religions lead to the same

5.00 News summary and weather followed by The Curious Case of Santa Claus. A documentary tracing the legend of Father Christmas as seen through the eyes of the man himself and his psychiatrist who he consults en feced with an identity crisis (r).

6.00 American Football. The St. Louis Cardinals versus the Washington Redskins. 7.15 The Fingertip Phenome

The country's only professional rock climber Ron Fewcett, his wife Gill and Gerry Peel climb the 3000 feet high cliffs of the gorge of the River Verdon in Provence. 8.15 Film: The Masks of Death

(1984) A made-for-television spine chiller starting Peter Cushing as Sherlock Holmes and John Mills as Dr Watson sleuth is lured back into hamess after three corps are discovered in the East End with expressions on their unknown cause of dea Directed by Roy Ward Baker. 9.45 Carols from Christ Church

with readings by Alec McCowen and lan Charleson. 10.40 Ian Breakwell's Christmas

10.50 Filtre The Tall Target* (1951) starring Dick Powell and Paul Raymond, Thriller about a New York detective who believes he has uncovered a plot to assassinate President-elec Abraham Lincoln, Directed by

Anthony Mann. 12.15 Closedown.

Radio 2

L00am John Turner.† 6.00 George Ferguson,† 7.30 Good Morning Sunday Including 7.45 Christmae Sayers, 9.00 David Jacobs,† 11.00 Desmond Carrington,† 12.30pm The Random Jottings of Hings and Bracket.† 1.00 Two's Best.† 2.00 Benny Green.† 3.00 Sounds Easy.† 4.00 String Sound.† 4.30 Sing Something Simple.† 5.00 Sunday Soapbox, 6.02 Sports Desk, 6.30 Brain Scapbox, 5-02 Sports Desk, 5-30 Brain of Sport Challenge Match. Deamond Lynam, Peter Bromley and Alan Parry v Michael Bentley, Ray Welford and John Wilson. 7-09 Vermon and Maryetta Midgley. 7-30 Glamorous Nights. 8-30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9-00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10-00 Songs from the Shows. Guest singers are Dinab Harris and Brian Kay.† 10-45 Robert Docker at the piece. 11 108 Strongs of Jesus the piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Two's

Radio 1

5.55am Radio 1 Chip Shop Basicode 2 + Computer Program, 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell, 10.00 The Read and Wright Christmas Show, 12.00pm Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.15 Michael Jackson – Rock's Thriller. Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2.15
Michael Jackson – Rock's Thriller.
Bruce Fidor introduces an insight into
the career of one of the most successful
entertainers of the present decade.
Includes tributes from artists including
Diana Ross, and Smokey Robinson.†
4.00 Hitsville USA: The Story of
Motown. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 Anne
Nightingale.† 8.00 Robbis Vincent.†
11.00-12.00am Feel The Spirit (London
Community Gospel Choir).† VHF
RADIOS 1 & 24.00am With Radio 2.
5.00am With Radio 1, 12.00-4.00am RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 5.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am

World Service appears on the facing page

Arctic Expedition, 70 years ago.
7.05 Stop the Week with Robert
Robinson.1
7.45 Saker's Dozen ?
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre:
Christmas at Dingley Dell'
adapted from Dickens's 'The *REQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 909kHz 1500m; VHF-92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Water: 5.15-5.20pm Sports Nearly Water. 1.00mm Weather. Scotland: 5.15-5.20pm Sport. 10.15-10.45 Sportscene, 10.45-11.40 Films of the Year, 11.40-1,35em The Big Sleep (Humphrey Bogart), 1.35 Weather, Northern Felend: 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland results (opt-out from Grandstand), 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland orangsand, 3. 130-s. Northern Ireland news neadlines. England: 5.15-5.20pm London: Sport, South West (Phymouth) Spotlight Sport and News, All other Englan regions: Sport/regional news.

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CHANNEL As london except: 5.06per Puffins Platifica

TYNE TEES As london except: 9.25am-9.30 Morning Glory, 11.35pm Pim: Love Bart. 1.20am

TSW As london except 5.05pm Newsport 5.10-5.40 Smurls. 11.35 Sweeney. 12.35am Postscript. BORDER As london except: 11.35pm Darkroom.

SCOTTISH As london except: 11.35pm Late Call. 11.40 The Comedians. 12.10am

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN .

Stereo. * Black and white. (f) Repeat

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25em-8.30 Star of Bethlehem. 11.35 Film: Love Ban (Hyws Bennett), 1.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except
11.35pp Devil's Lake
Concert Tint Turner, 12.35am
Reflections, 12.49 Closedown. TVS As London except: 11.35pm Paul McCarrney: The man, his music, his movies. 12.05am Company, followed by Closedown. ULSTER As London except pro-5.00, 4.55 Uster Sports Results, 11.35 New Averagers, 12.30mm

HTV As London except 11.35pm 12.20am Rive Ways of Christmas: Bristo Cathedral Chok. 12.25 Closedown. HTV WALES AS HTV West except

BBC 1 Wates: 10.30-11.20em The Old Man of Hoy. 1.55-2.30pm Weekend Rugby Union. Wates Schools Veekend Rugby Union. Wales S Senior) v New Zealand Schools senior). 2.30-3.10 Let the Children Sing. (Senior). 2.30-3.10 Let the Children Sing 12.45am News of Wales, Scotland: 3.10-4.00pm Sunday Sportscens. 4.80-4.35 Beechgrove Carols. 4.35-4.45 Carboon Time. 4.45-5.30 The Dukes of Hazzard. 6.15-7.15 Good Tidings We Bring. 12.45am Scotlish news. Northern Ireland: 2.30-3.10pm Surgeons in Dublin. 12.45am Northern Ireland news.

S4C Starts: 2.10pm Bespoke
Overcoat. 1.10 chips' Comic.
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11.30-12.15 This is Your Right, 11.45 Magrum, 12.45am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25em-9.30 Star of Bethlehem. 11.00 Behind the beat of the Big Brass Drum. 11.35 Star Fleet.

m-12.15 Spinnilo. 11.45 Family.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25 am Morning Glory, 9.30-10.00 Fir Tree, 11.00 Smuris, 11,20-12,15am Chips, 11,45 Carol Service from Newcastle, 12,45a Handball Ringers, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except 11.05
Monster's Christmas.
11.45-12.15pm Smuris Ciristmas.
Special 11.45 Protectors. 12.10am
Sports Results. 1215 News, Closedown SCOTTISH 10.00am Christmas Memory, 11.00 Glen Michael Cavalcade, 11.45-12.15pm

Terrahawks, 1.15-2.15pm Scotsport. 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 Piece of Caks;

YORKSHIRE 9.30am-10.00 Fir Tree. 11.00 Cartoon, 11.15 Day of a Bear Cub. 11.45-12.15pm Smurfs, 11.45 Hotel. 12.40am Five Minutes, Closedown.

BORDER As London except 9.30em-10.69 Gardening Time. 11.00 A Christmas Carol. 11.25 Groovie Ghoules, 11.45-12,15pm Smurts, 11.45 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except 11.00cm Night the Amimal Talked. 11.30 Carbon. 11.45-12.15pm Nutcrecker. 11.45 Return of The Saint. 12.40cm Christmas People, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.00em Fintstone frolics. 10.30 Cause of Rejoicing, 11.00 Noddy, 11.15 Night the Animals Talked, 11.45-12-15pm Terrahawks, 1.00 Fok Tales, 1.15-2.15 Scotsport, 11.45 Tim Jones at Knotts, 12.45em Reflections, CHANNEL As London except:
Starts 12.25 pm Good News, 12.30-1,00pm Getting on, 11.45 Deviin Connection, 12,40a

TSW As London except: 11.00 Night the Animals Talked. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 Italian connection.

and 396, 11.50 manen connection. 12.05pm-12.15 Cartoon, 11.45 Deviln Connection, 12,40am P TVS As London except: 9.25em-9.30 Action Line. 11.00 Scoby Goes to Hollywood. 11.50 Cartoon. 12.00-12.15pm Canon in the Kitchen. 11.45 The Sweeney, 12.45em Christmas Company, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 11.00sm-12.15pm Snow White Christmas. 11.45 Deviln Connection. 12.35am Five

HTV WALES As HTV, West except: 10.45pm Cardiff Festival of Chorts: Handel's Messiah. 12.35am Closedown.

look to **Thatcher** for support

Continued from page 1 meeting since Mr Reagan's re-election last November. They will be joined by Mr

George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who will lead the American delegation to the Geneva talks with Mr Andrei Gromyko. the Soviet Foreign Minister, next month.

A senior Administration official categorically denied some British and American press reports claiming that Mrs Thatcher was opposed to the "star wars" programme, a research project into non-nuclear space weaponry for de-stroying missiles in flight.

The official conceded that there were some West European reservations when the President first announced the programme in March. 1983, fearing that it might lead to the militarization of space. He added that the Reagan Administration had given detailed explanations of allies, who now agreed that it was both necessary and desirable in view of the Soviet Union's similar project.

Economic issues will not loom large in today's encounter. An American official said the British economy had benefited from the high dollar and British exports to the US were at the highest level ever. The whole tenor of today's

agreement on arms control. The official said: "It is incredible to conceive that we would not be on the same wavelength."

HONOLULU: Thatcher 'left for Washington vesterday after a 90-minute refuelling stop at a US air base

in Hawaii (Reuter reports). She

arrived here after a two-hour

meeting will be one of unity and



The scene at Tas-al-Metn yesterday after a car bomb containing 200 kilos of explosive destroyed a school

At least four Druze civilians were killed and another 32 wounded - including 19 children - yesterday when a huge car bomb exploded in front of a school at Ras al-Metn in the mountains above Beirut

(Robert Fisk writes). According to the Druze radio station, the front of the school collapsed with the blast and Red faces, itinerary, page 4 collapsed with the blast and Leading article, page 9 many of the wounded had to be

dug out of the rubble by

fierce artillery battles started between Christian and Druze militias in east Beirut which, for the third time in four days under shellfire from Druze-held areas of the mountains. In apparent revenge, Christian Phalangists fired

back at the Druze-controlled town of Bhamdoun. Christian radio

which had been playing Christ-mas carols for much of the morning, interrupted their programmes to order the population of east Beirut to

stay indoors. It promises to be a bloody Christmas around Beirut. Fighting continued yesterday, down the hillsides toward the Kharroub region above the Israeli front-line on the Awali river. Sunni Muslim militiamen there are still threatening to wipe out Christian forces on the coast when the Israelis withdraw - which they may do

within two or three weeks. In west Beirut, each night is

Lords appeal on pill ruling

Ministers are aware that by

Gillick's, where the children are Mrs Marjorie Proops, the Daily Mirror columnist who, with other "agony aunts", has afaer them. The kids I am criticized Mrs Gillick's speaking of are very often campaign, predicted more il-rejected, from broken homes, legitimate births. She received who are not articulate and who would not be able to discuss sex

against the DHSS first went to the High Court six months ago, her children had been kicked and punched in the streets. gangs of youths had kicked their front door night after night, and the family had received obscene telephone calls and abusive

Reagan will Bomb signals grim Beirut Christmas Power shift in Politburo after death of Ustinov

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On the other hand, Marshall Ustinov had championed the military point of view in the Politburo so effectively since donning a marshal's uniform in 1976 that he was regarded latterly as the mouthpiece of the armed forces in the party leadership, rather than the other way round.

The appointment of a professional soldier to succeed Marshal Ustinov could have an impact on the Soviet position on arms control, and would remind Russians of Marshal Ustinov's predecessor, Marshal Grechko, who was given a seat on the Politburo in 1973, despite his military background The death of Marshal Usti-

nov alos affects the power balance in the Politburo between the younger generation. represented above all by Mr. Gorbachov, aged 53, and the older generation, which made its careers under Stalin.

Mashal Ustinov, who was Stalin's Armaments Minister

while in his thirties, was one of the "old guard" leaders. After the death of President Brezhnev in 1982, Marshal Ustinov played an increasingly important role and this year formed a triumvirate with President Chernenko, aged 73, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the 75-year-old Foreign Minister.

This week Marshal Ustinov was nominated as a candidate in coming elections to local Soviets (councils), gut it had become increasingly obvious that he was scriously ill.

Four days ago it was an-nounced that Marshal Vasily Petrov would head a military delegation to Vietnam, a mis-sion which Marshal Ustinov would normally have been expected to lead.

He became a Central Committee secretary under Brezhnev in 1965, and joined the Politburo as a full member in

Marshal Ustinov came to earn the respect of senior officers, but sometimes clashed with them, most seriously with Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, who fell from power as Chief of Staff Soviet sources said Marshal

Ustinov would receive full state The implications, page 4 Obitmary, page 10

Weather

Letter from Delhi

Screen god turning worship into votes

Two years ago the Indian film star Amitabh Bachchan lay close to death after a film stunt accident, and this nation of avid filmgoers prayed for days. So, too, did the Bombay film moguls who had a stake in his stardom. Now the handsome Mr

Bachchan is looking for votes rather than prayers. He is one of several stars standing for Parliament in the world's largest election, and, if the opinion polls are a good guide, the people who come to gaze at him will turn their worship into enough votes to sweep him into the seat in the city of Allahabad. Mr Bachchan, a political

novice, has been telling crowds that what they see on the screen is not what they get in real life. This is just as well, for he has made a career out of playing violent anti-heroes who seek vengeance and justice outside the law.

In one of his most popular films he plays a political leader who solves the opposition problem by blasting them all with a machine-gun. Naturally, his real-life op-ponent is making a point of this, and draws attention to other roles in which the star prefers fist and gun

The arrival of film stars on the electoral stage is an indication of how Indian politics has changed since the early years when politicians tended to be more heavyweight men serious mien.

More razzmatazz than ever before

Elections in this highly political country were always rumbustious. But in this election there is more razzmatazz, image promotion and heavy spending on newspaper advertizing and posters than

there has ever been.

In a country where television is in its infancy and rather dull films are the most. potent popular medium. Leadng actors command huge and adoring followings. Just by being a famous face a film star has a head start in the electoral

Mr Bachchan is an old

decided to stand for the Congress (I) Party after Mrs.
Gandhi was murdered. The former Prime Minister was among those who visited him during his famous fight for life in a Bombay hospital.

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Mr Bachchan is by no means the only film actor to turn a screen following into a political one. In the southern state of Tamil Nadu, Mr M. G. Ramachandran, a regional superstar, became Chief Min-

Pradesh the Chief Minister is Mr N. T. Rama Rao, who played Hindu gods for so long on the screen that he is regarded as almost a god himself

in fight for seats

some force in the fight for seats. Thirteen scions of the former royal families of India the heirs to now non-existent thrones, are making the most of the local influence they still

retain to get into Parliament.
The most celebrated battle
is that between Madhavrao Is that between Madnaviao Scindia, son of the last Maharaja of Gwalior, and Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, who leads the BJP opposition party. Mr Scindia and his mother, the Maharani, are feuding over politics and property, and in the election the Maharani supports her the Maharani supports her

The matinee idols and princes are among more than 5,000 candidates contesting 511 seats. The electorate is 379 million and votes will be cast in 1,640,000 ballot boxes in

some other parts of the country. About two million men will be on security duty.

Ballot papers have been prepared in 15 languages, and n some places where there are

GLC abolition debate date for royal assent in Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,618

1 prize of The Times Allas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first first correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The limit. Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The numery and solution will be published next Saturday.

Fig worners of last Salutday's competition are: katharine Brunt, 71 Church Road, Richmond, Surrey; Mr. A. M. Careary, Floral Bark, Gattonade, Mcfrose, Roytunghshire; Richard J. Cornwell, 226 Stanley Park Road, Carchatton Beeches, Surrey.

It was on the question of the abolition of the GLC that the Government's majority fell to its lowest figure of 23 last week. with scores of Tories either opposing the Government or

But ministers will make such a concession only if the Bill is still held up in the lords late in July, imperilling their target

Solution of Puzzle No 16,612

Today's events

New exhibitions

making such a concession only at the eleventh hour they will ensure that the all-London authority will be only the palest shadow of the GLC, since the dispersal of its more important functions will by then have been provided for.

by the judgment middle-class families like Mrs Gillick, aged 37, said yesterday that since her fight

The English Mill - mills in art and

archaeology, Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum, High

Street, Old Town, Eastbourne' Tues

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hundreds of letters each year from girls who could be affected with their parents", she said.

to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon. (ends Feb 10).

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after the Christmas Bolidays.

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S of Fardoun and Laurencekirk, on
Dundee to Stonehaven Road,
Grampian. A725: Roadworks on
East Kilbride expressway and
Bellshill bypass, Lanarkshire. A75:
Roadworks at Buccleoch Bridge,
Durnfries

missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 28).

TODAY

8.25 am New Moon; 11.47 am. TOMORROW

Sun sets: 3.55 pm First quarter: December 30.

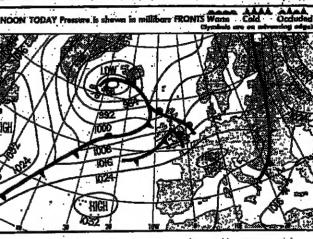
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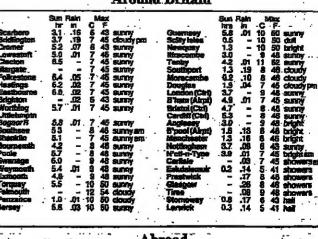
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ACROSS

- 1 Pooh-pooh journalist's return 4 City position still producing
- great joy (5).

 10 Clue eg, "wild about love" in
- pastoral poem (7).

 11 Connexion, married if old, he was a source of light (7).

 12 Artist going round the native country (10).
- 13 A point about age (4). 15 The Devil's familiar jokes (3.4). 17 A bench to get across (7).19 Secured confidence, say (7).
- 21 Laced it afresh, in adjectival order (7). 23 Share a common boundary with
- 24 Sinister woman has a record with seoundrels (5.5).
- 27 A catch is about to go astray how humiliating! (7).
- 28 Boor receives no approval as an observer (4-3). 29 Oddly, Crete, not Italy gave us
- this art style (8).

 30 I mean what I say about a friend The Times Jumbo Crossword with an additional set of

concise clues is on page 14.

a reservation (4).

- I Had a vision about fur wrap fo a wonderful girl (5-4). 2 Allied with Rex, and exultant
- 3 Godsends og extraordinary persistence (10).
- 5 Stop mad Dane in the row of trees (9). 6 Wine put in to sweeten things
- 7 Modify a painting technique (7). 8 May gets on as a rule (5). 9 Tinker bowled a length (4).
- 14 Where Houdini bought his equipment? (5.5). 16 Incidental illustration, mounted, is a joy (9).
- 18 Between you and me, it might belo your solving (9). 20 A I dn rising note to hoot (7). 22 Loiter loosely round female - in

23 Girl takes exercises to get fit (5).

clover, maybe (7).

25 Young un, left in bed (4). 26 The bird is flown (4).

In the garden

The Craft Fellows: works by Veronica Tognerini and Alan Hamshire, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5. (ends Jan 26). The Aston Bequest: Victorian Paintings, Municipal Museum and Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tonbridge Wells; Mon to 24 to 26 Dec and Jan 1, (ends Jan 7). "Whats New in the Arts Council

Collection?" Darlington Arts Cen-tre, Vane Terrace, Darlington; Mon Concert by the Chelmsford Singers with the Essex Youth Orchestra, Chelmsford Cathedral,

7.30.

Tring Choral Society with the Chiltern Orchestral Society, perform Handel's "Messiah", Tring Parish Church, 7.30.

Organ recital by Jonathan Gregory St. George's Church, High Street. Belfast, 12.30.

Cello recital by Colin Carr, Holywell Music Room, Oxford, 8. Concert by the Somerset Youth Orchestra. St. James's Church, Taunton, 7,30.

Christmas Music Carol concert, Winchester Cathedral, 6.30.

Recital of music for Christmas by the Cathedral Choir, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, 3. Oratorio carol concert, athedral, Wells, Somerset, 7. The Lord Mayor's carol concert, Leeds Town Hall, 7.30. Music for Christmas by the choir

of Leeds Parish Church, Leeds Parish Church, 3. Family carol concert with the Bolton Choral Union, Victoria Hall, Bolton, 7,30. Carol concert, St. David's Hall,

Tomorrows events

Christmas Music

Festival Service of Nine Lessons, with carols by candlelight. St James the Greater, London Road, Leicester, 6.30.
Festival of the Nine Lessons and

Carols, Leeds Parish Church, 6.30. Christmas carols concert with the Bournemouth Sinfonietta and Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, Wes-sex Hall. Poole, 7,45. Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11.30; Candlelight Service with present and former choir members, 6.15. Macrory Memorial Presby-terian Church, North Bellast, Candlelight Carol Service with Church Choir, Fisherwick Presby-terian Church South Raffest 2

Cregagh Presbytarian Church, East Belfast, 7. Anniversaries

terian Church, South Belfast, 7.

Service of Nine Lessons and

Carols with the Chuurch Choir.

Births: John Crome, painter, founder of the "Norwich" school, Norwich, 1768; Jean Henry Fabre, entomologist. Saint Léons. France, 1823: Giacomo Paccini, Lucca, Italy. 1858: Edger Varèse, composer, Paris, 1883. Deaths: George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans). London, 1880; (Mary Ann Evans), London, 1880; Dwight Lyman Moody, evangelist, Northfield, Massachusetts, 1899; Beatrix Potter, Sawrey. Lancashire, 1943. Alfred Dreyfus was sentenced to imprisonment on Devil's Island, French Guiana, 1895.

Births: Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus of the Latter-

Day Saints (Mormons), Sharon,

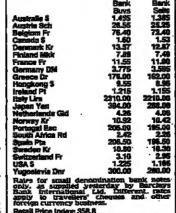
If you have been lucky enough to

find a Christmas tree with roots and you have put it in soil or peat in a large pot, you may want to plant it in your garden, or a friend's if you don't have one, so that it can be used again next Christmas. I kept one going for six or seven years until it got too big to bring indoors. Water it regularly and if you can find a supply of the anti-desiceant Spray n' Save, in a garden shop, apply this if you have not already used such a

preparation.
Then after Christmas keep the tree in its pot for a month at least in a sheltered spot, or plunge the pot in the ground. Only plant it out during mild weather in February or March. Green, slimy algae are now much in evidence on gates, fences and stone or brick steps and paths. This stone or brick steps and paths. I his slippery layer can be very dangerous and can be removed by applying various algicides, including the new Easy Cleen, which is barmless to plants. Jeyes Fluid may also be used, but do not allow it to contact plant foliage; also do not tramp over it and bring it into the house while it

it and bring it into the house while it is still wet as it may stain the

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Snow report

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The Times's blind tastings for Christmas led to recommendations for the following wines: Charles Dennery Brut champagne, ASDA £5.95: 1980 Meursault Charmes. Waitrose £9.85; 1982 Gewurztraminer, Waitrose £2,75; 1979 Beaune, Domaine du Chateau de Chateau de Meursault, Waitrose £8.75; 1981 Chateauneuf-du-Pape, les Couversets, Marks & Spencer £4.75; Muscat-de-Beaumes de

Venise Sainsbury £4.65: © TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1984. Printed and published by Three Newspapers Limited, P.O. Box 7, 200 Gray's Inn Road, London, WCIX BEZ, England, Telephone 01-537 1234. Telex. 264971. SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 1984

Roads

London and South-East: Delays on A205, South Circular Road,

Urgent bridge joint repairs today
and tomorrow near junction 18
(Simister), Greater Manchester.
Only ontside lane open eastbound at

wates and west. As: temporary lights night and day at Tynant, W of Corwen, N Wales. A447: Only one lane, with temporary lights day and night, at Stepaside, Dyfed. Work suspended on Severn Bridge until after the Christmas holidays.

For readers who may have

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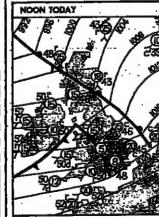
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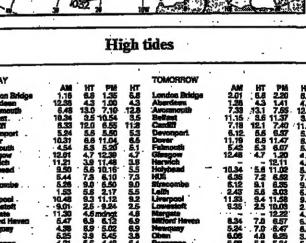
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See passages: North Ses, Straits of Dover, wind SW moderate increasing fresh locally strong sea slight becoming moderate locally rough. English Channel (E): Wind fresh or strong becoming moderate later; sea moderate or rough. St Georges Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW moderate or fresh; sea



Lighting-up time



Abroad

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In neighbouring Andhra

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